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CYCLONIC GALE HITS BOMBAY

The worst storm within living memory struck Bombay in the early hours of yesterday morning.

At 3 p.m. (Bombay time) the streets were still comparatively deserted and many of the most important streets were closed to traffic.

Dwellings facing the sea have been blown flat. Much wreckage has been washed ashore and it is feared that loss of life in coastal craft must have been heavy.

The gale was still blowing after ten hours. A number of trees were uprooted and hurled across roads, disturbing traffic.

Falling trees and collapsing walls killed one and injured about 60. — Reuter.

NAZIS GET TO WORK IN RUMANIA

Coinciding with heavier German demands for oil and the despatch of war materials in return, 65 Rumanian passenger trains, many of which run on important main lines, were to be suspended from midnight last night until the end of the month.

Official reason for this measure is to make way for goods traffic employed in transporting supplies for internal needs which have long been delayed owing to military requisitions.

The staff of a German naval mission, meanwhile, has arrived in Bucharest. — Reuter.

FURTHER U.S.-SOVIET EXCHANGES

M. OUMANSKY, SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, CONFERRED FOR AN HOUR WITH MR. SUMNER WELLES, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

Although he declined to discuss his visit it is believed it was in continuation of the conversations started last week and designed to improve Russo-American relations. — Reuter.

CAMMEL LAIRD CHAIRMAN KILLED IN RAID

Mr. W. L. Hichens, Chairman of the great shipping firm, Messrs. Cammel Laird, a director of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway and other large industrial concerns and a member of the Carnegie New York Trust, has been killed in an air raid on London. He was 66 years of age. — Reuter.

RUMANIA TO BE BLOCKADED

A Member of Parliament suggested yesterday that as Germany now dominates Rumania, that country should be included in the Allied blockade.

Mr. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, agreed that Rumania was under the economic domination of Germany.

The British Government has ceased to maintain normal trade relations with Rumania since it became apparent that Rumania was becoming increasingly under German domination, stated Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. — Reuter.

ITALIANS HIT H.M.S. LIVERPOOL

The British cruiser, Liverpool, has been damaged in the Mediterranean by enemy torpedo-carrying aircraft.

The Admiralty stated yesterday that Liverpool was returning to her base after operations in the Mediterranean when the attack was made, and she is now safely in port. Casualties were not heavy. Announcement of the damage

Reuter Tour After Night Of German Savagery

I FOUND INDUSTRIAL AND PRIVATE LIFE THROBBING AS STRONGLY AS EVER, WRITES A REUTER SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT AFTER A TWO-HOUR TOUR OF LONDON ON BOTH SIDES OF THE THAMES YESTERDAY.

German bombers which raided the capital the previous night had succeeded in laying low a bit more of this vast sprawling city and its suburbs but the "unprecedented chaos" and "paralysis of services for some time to come" claimed by Berlin I saw was a hollow boast.

I hailed a taxi from the pool of road transport which with the railways had brought all London to work as usual long before lunch. We were held up hardly 15 minutes before starting the tour while taxis, buses, trams and lorries straightened themselves out in this busy corner of central London.

The jam was no worse than in pre-war days and was the longest wait I experienced. At the first main line terminus I reached by way of diversions which sent the taximeter up only 1/- above the normal fare, trains were running normally.

There was a small colony of people, mostly women and children evacuating from freshly damaged homes.

A railway official commented: "The crowd is no bigger than usual."

Normal Trains

From a night porter in a suburban section of the station I learned that there was no interference with the morning's business trains.

Elsewhere broken walls, gaps in the road and scattered glass told of a stick of bombs which had fallen in the neighbourhood. Squads of workmen were busy cleaning up the mess.

Blackened hosepipes ringed an area half a mile square. Two solitary fire engines passed on their return to station.

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ALL QUIET

"All fronts quiet" stated a communiqué issued by G.H.Q. in Cairo yesterday, reports Reuter.

was withheld until it was known that Liverpool had reached her base. — Reuter.

FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH BY MR. HULL

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, will deliver an address on foreign policy on October 25, it was announced by the State Department in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

GERMAN CONVOY DESTROYED

A German convoy of three supply ships, with the two escort vessels accompanying them, has been destroyed.

The Admiralty communique giving this news does not locate the scene of action.

One merchant vessel, it is officially stated, was of about 7,000 tons. One of the others, which were small, exploded before sinking.

Another German vessel of about 7,000 tons, adds the communique, was successfully attacked. It was hit with three torpedoes. — Reuter.



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Discovers Limits To American Tolerance

New-Found Prudence

AMERICANS ARE coming to realise the dangers with which the progress of the Dictators threatened their own continent, says the London "Times" in a leader on President Roosevelt's Columbus Day broadcast.

With this realisation, says the paper, grows the conviction that the most effective method of preventing aggression leaping across the oceans is to help those who are keeping it at bay in Europe and the Far East.

CONGRESS CAMPAIGN BEGINNING

THE INDIVIDUAL CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE CAMPAIGN DECIDED ON BY THE INDIAN CONGRESS PARTY WILL BE INAUGURATED TO-DAY, IT IS UNDERSTOOD IN WARDHA.

Mr. Gandhi is understood to be intimating to the district magistrate at Nagpur that Vinoba — a humble member of the Mahatma's ashram (seminary) — will open the campaign with an anti-war speech this morning at the village of Paunar, seven miles from Nagpur. Mr. Gandhi will not be present. — Reuter.

JAPAN WITHDRAWING GARRISONS

Japanese garrisons along the Shanghai-Nanking and Hangchow-Nanking Railway Lines are being replaced with Wang-Chingwei's puppet troops, according to Chinese reports in Shanghai. It is stated that there are at present some 30,000 Japanese regulars posted along these two lines. — Our Own Correspondent.

Turning to the Japan-Axis pact, the paper says opinion in Japan has been disconcerted by the reaction to the agreement which the Japanese militarists imagined would stop Americans from continuing to give practical effect to their sympathy with China.

People there are now beginning to realise there are limits to American tolerance and are making cautious efforts to persuade the United States that the pact with Germany and Italy does not mean what it was obviously intended to mean.

It is much to be hoped that this new-found prudence will not be confined to words but will have a sobering effect on the Japanese military commanders in China who for years past had a greater influence in determining Japanese policy than the diplomats and statesmen in Tokyo. — Reuter.

LONG CHASE FOR \$10,000

Snatching a bag containing \$10,000 from an elderly man in Lockhart Road yesterday, an unemployed Chinese was arrested by a constable after a long chase in the Wanchai district. The intended victim was returning home after drawing the money from a bank in town when the incident occurred.

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STRIKE EXTENSION FEARS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

While the tram and bus strike in the French Concession remains deadlocked fresh fears arose following a demonstration staged when strikers mobbed a trolley-bus and a bus in the International Settlement.

There is apprehension that the labour trouble may again spread to the transport companies in the Settlement.

It is understood that several ring-leaders of the French tramway strike tried to urge Settlement bus and tram employees to stop work, warning them that in case of refusal to comply with the request they would have to face the consequences. — Havas.

MR. EDEN IN EGYPT

Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for War, has arrived in Egypt.

This was announced yesterday in London where it is understood that Mr. Eden will have conversations with General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East.

Mr. Eden will also visit contingents of the British-Allied troops in the Middle East. — Reuter.

COST OF LIVING IN JAPAN DROPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

After rising steadily for 18 months the cost of living in Japan dropped 1.9 per cent in September, the Cabinet statistics bureau in Tokyo announces.

The drop is considered a direct result of the Government's effort to lower commodity prices. Provisions dropped 4.4 per cent in cost through the establishment of official prices.

Clothing costs, however, continued the upward trend, rising eight per cent, while fuel costs rose two per cent. — Havas.

YUGOSLAVIA AND DANUBE

A committee has been formed in Yugoslavia on which the Commander-in-Chief of the Yugoslav forces is represented, to take necessary measures to protect navigation on the Yugoslav section of the Danube, Belgrade radio stated yesterday.

The measures are authorised by a decree just passed by the Council of Ministers. — Reuter.

DUNKIRK SHELLED BY NAVY

Fires were seen and it is considered that considerable damage was done, when British naval units bombarded Dunkirk on Tuesday night, states an Admiral communique. — Reuter.

CARRIER PIGEONS FOR ESPIONAGE

Italian agents are believed to be using carrier-pigeons to communicate with the enemy, states an Egyptian military decree in Cairo yesterday. The Egyptian people are therefore called on to hand over to the authorities any pigeons resembling carrier-pigeons. — Reuter.

TRADE FOR FREE FRENCH COLONIES

Britain is bringing trade to French colonies that have joined General de Gaulle.

From the French Cameroons, Britain is buying more than one-third of the total cocoa crop, more than half the coffee crop and large quantities of agricultural produce and timber.

Condition of purchase is that merchants selling these stocks must take the equivalent purchases from producers.

Britain has also undertaken to buy the whole of the Cameroons 1940/41 cocoa crop and will also buy existing stocks of Chad cotton and is arranging to buy the next crop. Certain necessary supplies are being imported with British help. — Reuter.

BRITISH AIRMEN INTERNED

A British plane landed near Gaellivare, northern Lapland, yesterday morning after being fired at by Swedish anti-aircraft guns.

Communique from the Swedish General Staff, announcing this, says the plane and crew of two have been interned.

The communique stated that a German seaplane which flew over Swedish waters off the coast of southern Scania was driven off by the air defences.

On Tuesday, several flights over Swedish territory were made by foreign planes. German planes were seen off the coast of Scania and Bohuslaen where a British plane flew over Swedish territory. — Reuter.

RAID IN PRINCE EDWARD RD.

What is alleged to have been an illegal radio receiving and transmitting station was raided on Tuesday night.

Police raided the first floor of No. 93, Prince Edward Road, at about 9 p.m. and found wireless apparatus and certain papers. The tenant was arrested and, following inquiries, three others were detained yesterday.

It is understood they will be charged to-day at the Kowloon Magistracy.

JAPAN LOSES THIS GAME OF POLITICAL POKER

IT IS UNPLEASANT for Japan when the United States supports words with deeds and gives signs of backing up Britain, said the Gothenburg newspaper "Gotposten" yesterday.

Japan, the paper adds, knows the U.S.A. urged Britain no longer to give way on the Burma road.

There are some opponents of an American entry into the war in Europe but they are considerably reduced when the matter concerns active stewardship of American interests in the Far East.

Every Japanese act of aggression helps President Roosevelt's policy.

Tokyo must see that the help Japan can reckon on from her allies so long as England is unbeaten is plus minus: nothing.

Japan can play the game of political poker. She bluffed cleverly as usual but has lost the game this time.

Lengthening Chain

It seems England and the United States should feel themselves encouraged to continue on the "tak-n. As" long as China fights, Japan drags a lengthening chain from which she cannot be free to fulfil her great plans in the East Indies.

If China gets sufficient help Japan sooner or later will reach final collapse and will be forced to abandon the whole expedition. — Reuter.

METAL FROM PALACE

Saucepans and frying-pans were among the aluminium utensils from Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and Sandringham which were given to the Women's Voluntary Service.

In one big box were aluminium pieces taken by Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret from the little house which was given to Princess Elizabeth some years ago by the people of Wales.

BACON FOR FRAUEN

Confirmation of the report that some German women had been without bacon so long that they did not know how to cook it is given in Goebbels' own newspaper, "Der Angriff". This states:

"Bacon: The German housewife will quickly get used to this new kind of meat. If the bacon is to be fried, it should be soaked in water beforehand."

Ever-Increasing Weight Of R.A.F. Raids On Germany

Kiel Dockyard Pounded For Over Four Hours

SQUARE HIT ON OIL REFINERY

An R.A.F. pilot who was busy bombing an oil refinery in Germany on Monday night said yesterday that when flying over the Ruhr they could see railway bridges and viaducts below them and even pick out the streets.

A railway line runs right alongside the oil refinery and the R.A.F. machines ran directly over it, dropping the first stick of bombs from south to north.

As they turned round, they saw that their bombs had landed right on the target.

There was no doubt about it, because 30 seconds later there was a big explosion, followed a minute or two later by a great upheaval and a shower of sparks.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS

THE MEETING OF PARTY LEADERS SUMMONED BY MR. R. G. MENZIES, THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIER, TO DISCUSS METHODS OF FORMING A STABLE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE ELECTION IMPASSE, ADJOURNED LAST NIGHT WITHOUT HAVING REACHED ANY DECISION. THEY WILL MEET AGAIN ON MONDAY.

Mr. Menzies issued a statement that the talks were purely exploratory.

Reuter learns authoritatively that the party managers conference will on Monday receive a reply from Mr. Menzies to a proposal put by Mr. Curtin, Leader of the Labour Party, that the Government should indicate points of Labour policy it would be prepared to adopt if some form of co-operation through a national government or national war cabinet be found acceptable to the opposition.—Reuter.

EAT MORE GRAPES CAMPAIGN

Hotels and restaurants in Spain are to serve grapes as dessert for at least one meal daily.

A decree to this effect was issued in Madrid yesterday by Senor Sener, Minister of Interior. It is hoped to dispose of some of the production of Almeria grapes, foreign trade in which at present is paralysed.

They were formally one of Spain's most valuable exports.—Reuter.

GREECE CALLS EXPERTS TO COLOURS

Greece has called a number of engineers and communication specialists to the Colours.—Reuter.

THE EFFORT OF EIGHT German fighters to harass British Blenheim bombers of the Coastal Command while they were raiding Flushing and Terneuzen on Tuesday night were unsuccessful.

The Air Ministry news service says the Messerschmidts were driven off with machine-gun fire or evaded, and bombing was carried out with the utmost effect.

Lock gates and fuel stores were among the principal targets.

The flare path of an aerodrome above which enemy aircraft were observed circling was bombed before the lights could be extinguished.

Two power stations at Lorient naval base were the main points of attack by other formations of Blenheims.

Fleet Air Arm aircraft operating with the Coastal Command dropped large calibre bombs on harbour works and shipping at Brest.

Hudson aircraft were active on the Dutch coast and bombed the inner harbour at Willemsoord and enemy destroyers off Texel.—Reuter.

Increasing Scale

The ever increasing scale of the R.A.F. offensive against the enemy is shown by further details from the Air Ministry of Tuesday-Wednesday night's attacks by British bombers, particularly against military objectives and communications in Germany itself.

The R.A.F. raid on Kiel lasted four hours. Tons of bombs were dropped in an almost continuous series of attacks.

Direct hits were scored on the jetty of the torpedo-boat harbour and the Marine Academy.

Shipyard Hits

The Deutsche Werft yards and dockyards south-east of the main jetty were repeatedly straddled and a line of heavy bombs burst along the western border of the Germania shipyard.

One salvo started a huge oil fire, having apparently struck fuel stores and trucks.

Besides bombing oil refineries and stores at Hamburg, Sarzbergen and Gersenkirchen the R.A.F. also bombed Hamburg and Duisburg docks and attacked targets at Grevenbroich, Cologne, Schonebeck, Neuhaldensleben and Duesseldorf.—Reuter.

LARGE SHIP ORDER

Southern California's first order for large ships since the World War—a \$7,500,000 contract for four cargo vessels—is providing employment for 380 men, working on a three-shift basis, with the prospect of much larger crews as the work expands.

The Consolidated Steel Corporation, Ltd., is building the four C-1 craft for the Maritime Commission, as part of a move to restore the merchant fleet and provide auxiliary naval vessels in time of war.

ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS

With the arrival in London expected to-day of Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to Washington, on a short visit, it is now learned that the American Ambassador to London will be returning to Washington for consultations within a week or 10 days.—Reuter.

FROM RIVIERA IN COAL BOAT

After a voyage of three weeks I have arrived in this country in the company of many British people well known on the Riviera, writes a newspaper correspondent. It was a never-to-be-forgotten voyage, accomplished in a collier packed with passengers accustomed to a life of ease.

I have a vivid recollection, for instance, of Mr. Somerset Maugham, billycan in hand, taking his place in the daily queue for the issue of stew, and of Mrs. Norman Craig, one of the most popular of Monte Carlo's residents, sitting on the steps of the galley eating her soup ration.

Here were people owning fine villas or accustomed to living in first-class hotels, herded to the number of 700, in a 3,000-ton coal boat, the Saltersgate, of London, the ordinary human complement of which was her crew of 36.

Cabins For Invalids

There were several invalids on board, and I recall the readiness with which Capt. W. Stubbs and his officers gave up their cabins to them. The crew, too, handed over their mattresses.

On the evening of June 17 a couple of ships entered the Bay of Cannes to take us off. They came in response to an appeal from Mr. John Taylor, Vice-Consul at Cannes, to Sir Norman King, Consul-General at Marseilles. We travelled in a French convoy of 20 ships to Oran, where we saw the French fleet at anchor.

Gibraltar was reached on June 25. We stayed there for three days, and passengers were thus given time to purchase various necessities. After leaving Gibraltar matters were easier both regarding food and conditions. Moreover, the passenger list had been reduced to 180 by the transfer to hospital in Gibraltar of the invalids and the landing of old people, as well as passengers with families.

CANADA'S REINDEER INCREASE

Canada's main reindeer herd now comprises more than 5,000 animals, with a fawn increase of 1,486 head, the largest yet recorded, the Department of Mines and Resources has reported.

The annual roundup in which the animals are examined, counted and classified, and the animals in excess of the requirements of the herd selected for slaughter later when the meat is prime, is staged each year on the summer range on Richard's Island, 80 miles north of Aklavik at the mouth of the Mackenzie River.

This year's roundup was completed in four days.

BRITISH ARRANGEMENT WITH SWISS

The British Government has agreed to grant navicerts and export licences to enable Switzerland to maintain a two-months' stock of war material and will also grant navicerts and export licences for any goods which cannot benefit the enemy. The right is reserved to revise the decisions at any time.—Reuter.

BRITISH AID FOR DE GAULLE

BRAZIL, ARGENTINE, URUGUAY, CHILE AND MEXICO ALREADY HAVE ESTABLISHED FREE FRANCE NATIONAL COMMITTEES ACTING IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE FREE FRENCH FORCES, STATED MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Butler added that committees have also been formed in the United States, Egypt, Canada, Australia, South Africa, and Mauritius.

Representatives of General de Gaulle are also engaged in setting up committees in a number of other countries. The British Government is rendering all assistance in its power and approves of such development.—Reuter.

QUID PRO QUO

THERE ARE RESISTENT REPORTS IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK THAT THE GIANT AMERICAN AIRCRAFT KNOWN AS "FLYING FORTRESSES" WILL SHORTLY BE RELEASED TO BRITAIN.

At the same time, another report says that the British power-operated gun-turret used in R.A.F. machines may be made available to the United States under the British-American standardisation scheme.—Reuter.

STEADY ADVANCE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was firm yesterday despite the quietness of trading. Gilt-edged again advanced under the lead of War Loans. Industrials were narrowly irregular but gains appeared to have outnumbered losses. Following recent strength Argentine rails improved while gold-minings occasionally were brighter shortly before the close of business. Wall Street was higher.—Reuter.

AIR BATTLES OVER BRITAIN

THE GERMANS LOST 17 MACHINES DURING DAYTIME RAIDS ON BRITAIN ON TUESDAY. A BOMBER BROUGHT DOWN AFTER DARK BRINGING THE DAY'S BAG TO 16. We lost 15 fighters, but the pilots of nine are safe.—Reuter.

EARL OF ATHLONE TO VISIT U.S.

The Governor-General of Canada and Princess Alice are planning a visit to the United States shortly, it was learned in Ottawa yesterday.

It is assumed they will see President Roosevelt.

The Governor-General will be following the precedent established three years ago by the late Lord Tweedsmuir, who was the first Canadian Governor-General to visit the United States in his official capacity.

He was then returning a visit by President Roosevelt the year before.—Reuter.

Guests Of President

Lord and Lady Athlone will spend the week-end as guests of President Roosevelt at his estate at Hyde Park, New York.

This was announced yesterday from the Citadel in Quebec, the summer residence of the Athlones when they are away from Ottawa.—Reuter.

£50,000 PLAN TO RECLAIM FEN

One of the biggest schemes of land reclamation ever contemplated in Britain is being considered by the Norfolk War Agricultural Executive Committee. The area involved is 6,000 acres of Feltwell Fen, near Stoke Ferry.

It is estimated that the cost of road making and drainage would be at least £50,000. Most of the land is derelict. The work may be undertaken either by roadmen transferred for the purpose or by conscientious objectors.

Other similar schemes may be begun in the near future, at a cost of £200,000 as part of the drive to increase food production.

Power to build hard roads in Fenland areas is given to county war committees by the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) (No. 2) Bill, which received its first reading in the House of Commons recently.

The bill provides for recovery of expenditure on drainage works from owners whose land is thus increased in value.

WAR RELICS AT WORLD'S FAIR

Glimpses of Britain's war effort are being given in the British pavilion at the New York World's Fair. The fuselage of a war-scarred Spitfire appears alongside the rear gun-turret of a Wellington bomber that inflicted great damage on the enemy at Heligoland.

There is also a model of H.M.S. Cossack, the destroyer which under Capt. P. L. Vian, rescued between 200 and 400 British seamen from the Graf Spee's prison ship Altmarr in Jossing Fjord last February.

Defence measures are indicated by articles which include an Anderson shelter and a baby's gas mask. Paintings by Mr. Charles Pears and other artists portray the evacuation of Dunkirk.

Among many additions to various sections are striking examples of British industrial enterprise.

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Harrassing Raids On Italian Army Threatening Egypt

FURTHER HARRASSING of the Italian army threatening Egypt has been carried out by the R.A.F.

A communique issued in Cairo last night described a continuation of the attacks on Benghazi on Tuesday when a further direct hit was made on the Mole d'Italia and a railway station and sidings with high explosive laced with incendiary bombs.

Observation of the damage, the communique admits, was difficult.

Barracks and military concentrations at Bardia, Capuzzo and Sollum were bombed successfully, and Derna and Tobruk were also raided. The R.A.F. suffered no losses in these operations.

Diredawa, in Italian East Africa, was raided and buildings and railway stations bombed.

An action between an R.A.F. plane on patrol over the Red Sea and three Italian bombers resulted in two of the enemy aircraft being damaged, one of them badly, while the British aircraft returned to its base safely.

R.A.F. planes operating from the Sudan bombed naval and air force barracks on the Abdekar peninsula and Massawa. — Reuter.

EXTRAVAGANCE ON CONTRACTS

The reply of the Office of Works to the charges published in the London "Daily Telegraph," of needlessly rigid and costly specifications for war contracts does not satisfy the critics.

The department's spokesman said: "In electrical equipment what may appear at first sight to be elaborate specifications are often necessary safety precautions. The Office of Works abides by the recognised British engineering standards."

An electrical engineer said that British Standards Institution rules were all right for the best work in armament factories, but were unnecessarily good and costly for camps and temporary work.

"The Office of Works has rules of its own," he added, "which are not covered by any standards. For wiring on walls and ceilings it specifies clearances much larger than standard requirements."

"It bars sheet metal in conduits and switch-boxes in favour of malleable cast iron. This is old-fashioned, for the sheet metal article is now satisfactory and quicker to produce. Concerning steel conduits for wiring, it specifies only the silver-grey finish, although it is sometimes more costly than black enamel and usually harder to procure in quantity."

"Most of us follow the rules of the Institution of Electrical Engineers in civil work, and the standards satisfy the insurance companies. In fixing the number of wires that can be carried in a conduit of given diameter the Office of Works insists on a much higher standard. This may mean a higher standard of safety, but it also means using more steel."

COFFEE FOR TWO YEARS

Rumours that coffee may be rationed have caused an increased demand in shops in Britain. Moreover, travelling dealers have been going round country districts urging people to buy coffee now because rationing is imminent.

The rumours are discounted by the trade or, at least, are regarded as premature. It is reported that, although the demand has become much keener since the war began, there are about two years' stock in the country. In addition, during the past nine months several thousand tons of coffee have been seized by the Admiralty while in transit to the enemy, and this supply has not yet appeared on the market.

JAPANESE TARZAN FOUND

A Japanese version of Tarzan is now an inmate of the Itabashi poorhouse in Tokyo. He is about 17 years old, eats crow and dove meat raw and does not know where he was born.

He was found by the Ikebukuro police during a hunt for delinquent youths. Because he had no one to take care of him, he was sent to the Itabashi asylum.

According to the youngster, his earliest memory is that he was living with an old man in out-of-the-way mountains in Wakayama prefecture. During his life with the strange old man in the mountains, he was taught by him a variety of old martial sports. He lived on berries, fruits and meat of wolves and wild birds in the mountain forests.

As he grew up to adolescence, the old man said that he had nothing more to learn from him and that he should descend the mountains. So saying, the old man vanished like smoke, the boy says.

Since that day he had been wandering aimlessly until he was arrested. When he came to Tokyo he ate the meat of doves in shrines which he killed by hitting them with stones.

The boy is five feet four inches tall. He has a handsome face and wears white pants and shirt and a hunting cap. Being very agile, he likes to climb trees in the asylum compound. He calls himself Taro Kanda.

DUTY-FREE TOBACCO FOR FORCES

Tobacco, free of United Kingdom duty, can now be sent to members of the British forces anywhere abroad (except India and Burma) under an extension of the arrangement announced by the Treasury in London yesterday. — Reuter.

HELPED BRIDE TO CHOOSE

A £26 5s claim by Aronson Ltd., of Grosvenor Street W., against Mr. Francis Upton Corbett, a Norfolk fruit farmer, for dresses supplied to his stepdaughter for her wedding was dismissed at Westminster County Court.

For the firm it was stated that after the stepdaughter, then Miss Yvonne Rigby, had chosen the dresses, which were approved by Mr. Corbett, the wedding was postponed, and Mr. Corbett offered £3 as compensation for cancelling the order.

Mr. Corbett, denying that he owed the money, said that his stepdaughter, now married, always bought dresses out of her own income of £150 a year. "Every time she asked me to approve the style or suitability of the garment," he added.

Judge Austin Jones accepted Mr. Corbett's version of what occurred.

LEAVING RUMANIA

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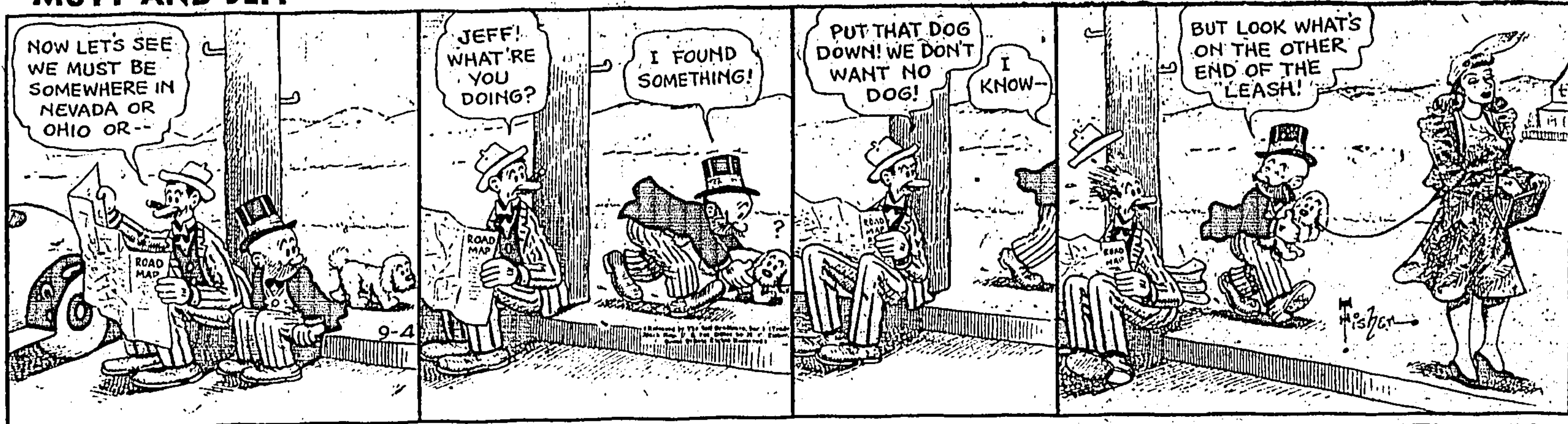
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PINT AFTER PINT TO SOLDIERS

Criticism of public-houses which supply soldiers with considerable quantities of drink was made by Mr. Justice Atkinson at the Old Bailey.

The judge was summing-up in the trial of Walter Ernest Dewberry, 32, a corporal in the Auxiliary Pioneer Corps, who was found guilty of wounding his commanding officer, Major Cyril Ernest Butler with intent to do him some grievous bodily harm, at Boreham Wood, Herts. Dewberry was found not guilty of shooting with intent to murder. Sentence was postponed until the following day.

Mr. Justice Atkinson said it was clear that the occurrence would not have happened if Dewberry had not been served with pint after pint.

"It seems all wrong," he added, "that soldiers who have to be ready for action at any time should be served with all this drink which destroys their powers of quick action, proper control and resistance."

CONVERTING "MAJESTIC"

"An expensive mistake" by the Admiralty, which cost the nation more than £322,000, is criticised in the second report of the Committee of Public Accounts.

The mistake refers to the training ship H.M.S. Caledonia, formerly the liner Majestic, 64,000 tons. When the vessel was bought by the Admiralty the cost of conversion to a training ship was estimated at £150,000. The actual cost turned out to be £472,056.

The Admiralty thought she would be good for 10 years, but last year she was seriously damaged by fire. One reason for the decision to make no further use of her as a training establishment was that her size made her a very vulnerable target.

It is also discovered in the committee's report that, after four years of investigation into overhead and other charges, negotiations between "an important armament firm and the Director of Navy Contracts have now reached the stage of fixing the rate of profit."

The committee says it "cannot think that prolonged uncertainty as to prices tends to efficiency and economy either in production or administration."

SHIELDED CHILD'S BODY

It is revealed that during a recent air raid in the North-East of England, Mr. George Roseblade, a traveller employed by a London firm of wholesale milliners, saved the life of a young child.

Mr. Roseblade was on his round when he ran into the raid. After dropping four bombs a German aeroplane swooped low and began machine-gunning.

Onlookers dashed for shelter, but a frightened four-year-old girl was left standing on the foot-path.

Amid the hail of bullets Mr. Roseblade jumped from his car, seized the child, and holding her so that her body was shielded by his own, dashed along the road towards shelter.

In the middle of the road he stumbled and fell.

He injured his arm, but he got up again, still covering the child, and reached a safe place.

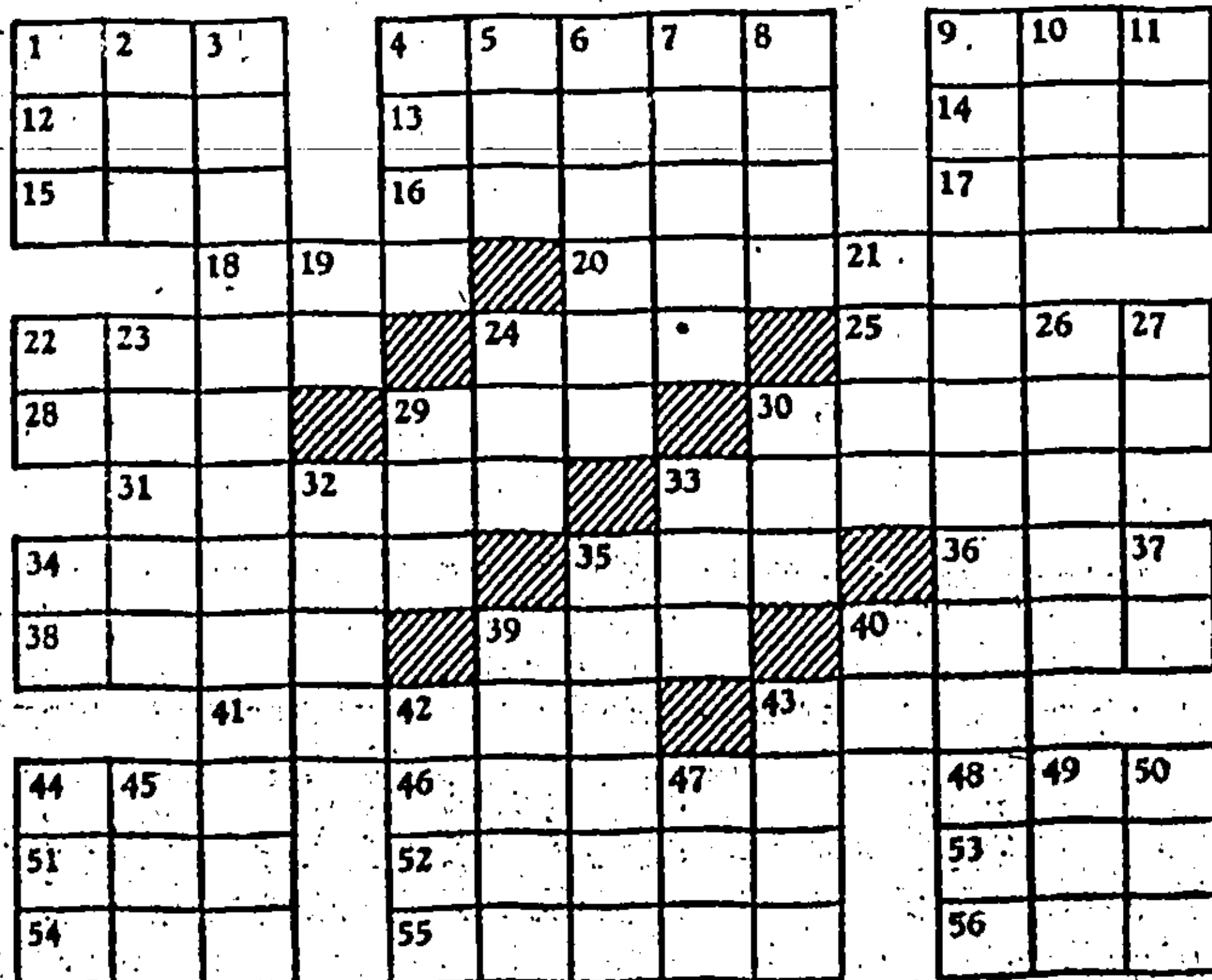
He at first refused to give his name, but later did so, adding: "Please don't make a hero of me."

Mr. Roseblade volunteered some time ago as a pilot in the R.A.F. He was rejected on medical grounds, but has now accepted service as an air gunner and is waiting to be called up.

"What I saw in that little raid has made me even keener to be up with the R.A.F.," he said, "especially as the German bomber which machine-gunned those civilians was brought down a few minutes later, before our eyes, by three Spitfires."

A representative of Mr. Roseblade's firm said, "We have heard nothing from him about his bravery. All we have had is a short message telling us he had been in a raid, but was safe."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



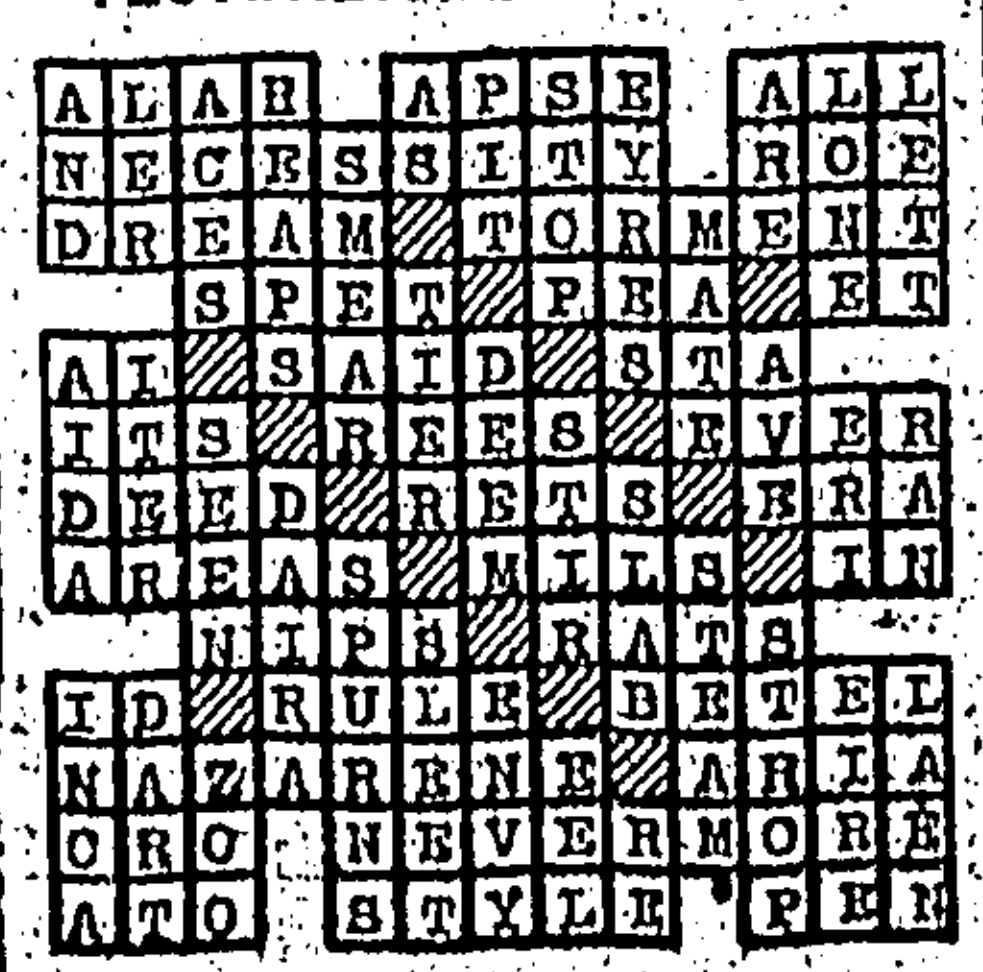
HORIZONTAL

- 1 To urge
- 4 Banquet
- 9 Female ruff
- 12 Enemy
- 13 Spear
- 14 Bitter vetch
- 15 Brown
- 16 Pertaining to a plane surface
- 17 Possessive pronoun
- 18 East-Indian tree
- 20 South American ruminant
- 22 Land measure
- 24 English river
- 25 French ecclesiastic
- 26 Brazilian macaw
- 28 Help
- 30 Pertaining to the doctrines of Arius
- 31 Winged
- 33 Small food-fish
- 34 Feeble-minded
- 35 To equal
- 36 Electrified particle
- 38 Most competent
- 39 Encountered

VERTICAL

- 1 Lizard
- 2 Tibetan gazelle
- 3 Chief commander of an army
- 4 Banner
- 5 Grain spike
- 6 Anointed
- 7 To climb
- 8 Weblike membrane
- 9 Restores to a former capacity
- 10 Castor silk
- 11 Worm
- 19 Compass point
- 21 Female horse
- 22 Molten lava
- 23 Machine for raising heavy weights
- 24 To fade out
- 26 Conductor's stick
- 27 Printer's measure
- 29 Goddess of mischief
- 30 Japanese rice paste
- 32 Singing voice
- 33 To pose
- 34 Hebrew month
- 35 Cylindrical
- 37 Symbol for sodium
- 39 Imbecile
- 40 Babylonian deity
- 42 Abysses
- 43 Spreads for drying
- 44 Anglo-Saxon money
- 45 To offer
- 47 Born
- 49 Hummingbird
- 50 To cry like a cat

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



GOD OF WAR FOR U.S.

Skanda, the Hindu God of War, was the cause of the chief contest at Christie's recently. He figured in an 18th century bronze group which Lady Wenloch had given to the Red Cross. This group, as Sir Eric MacLagan told me, is matched by one which Lord Wenloch presented to the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1929.

The richly-endowed museum of fine arts in Boston, Mass. has been waiting for such a group for some time. Accordingly, the American trustees begged Sir Eric to see that they were represented in the bidding. Messrs. Spink readily acted, and at 480gns. the impressive group was declared to be an acquisition for Boston. The total of the sale now stands at £55,000.

The picture of Eton College painted by Wyck in 1600, and presented to the Red Cross by Lord Fairhaven, realised £336 last Friday. I learn that a few old Etonians are rapidly finding the purchase money for the picture to be in its proper home.

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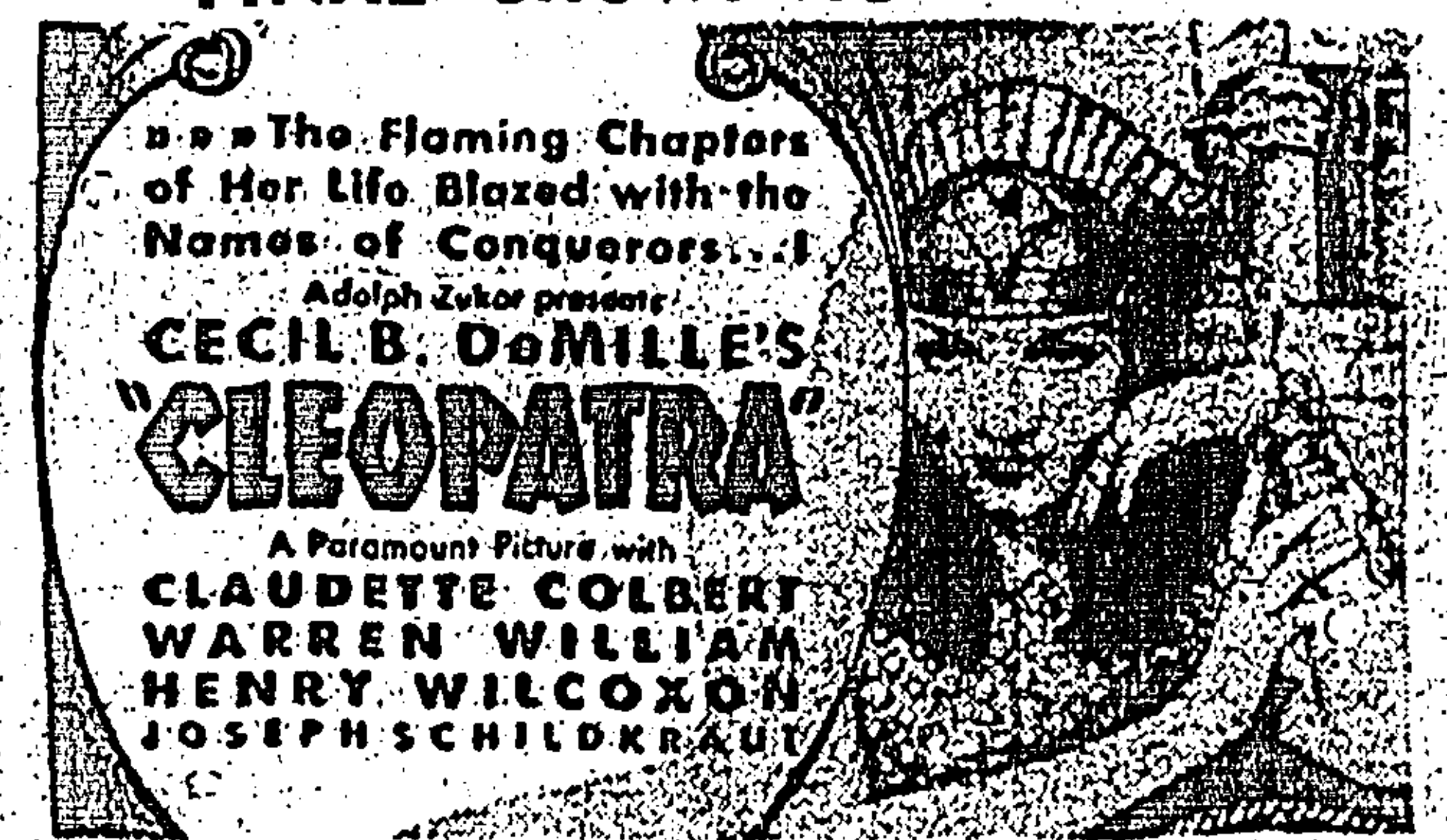


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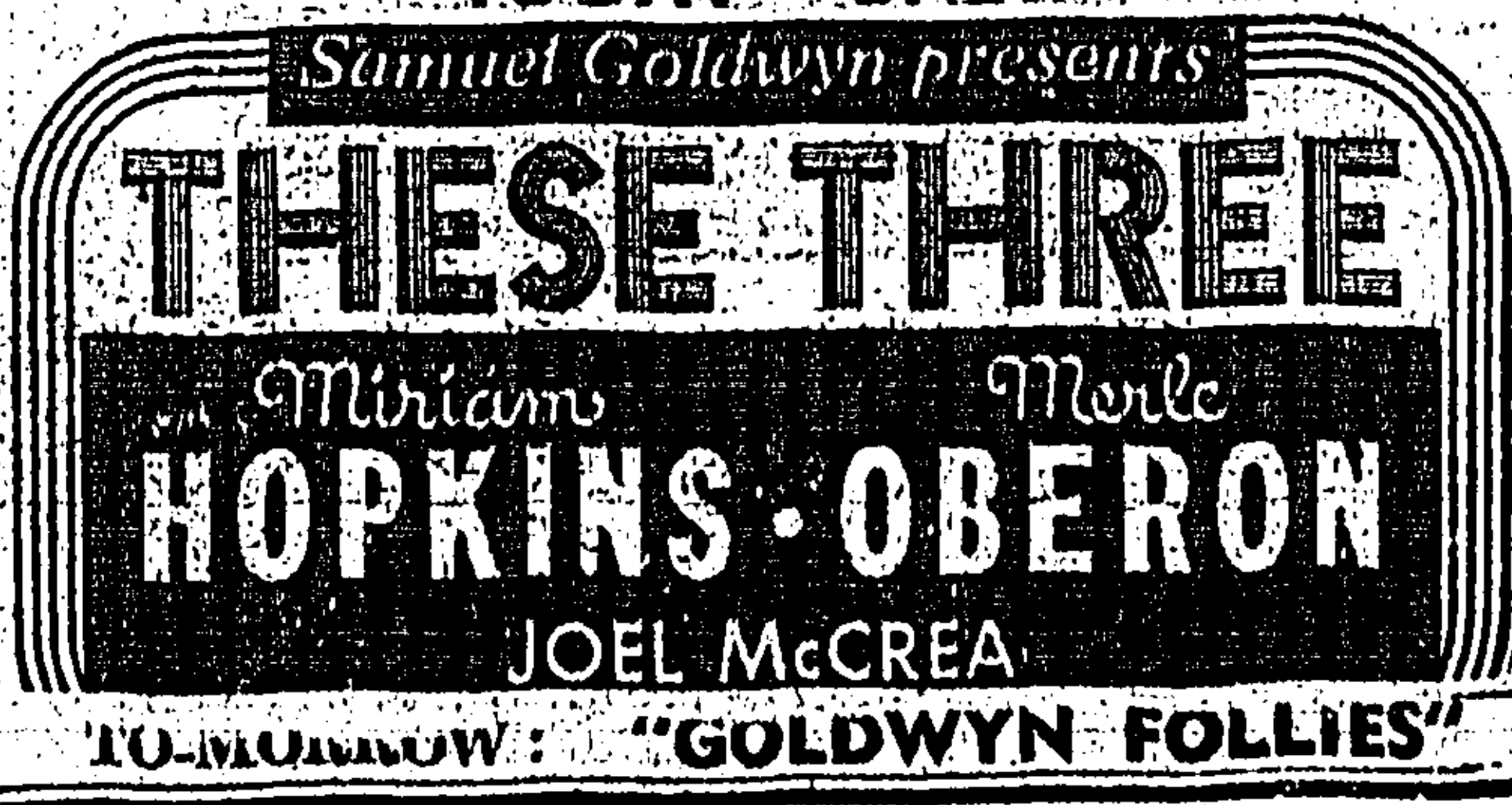
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Fred MacMurray and Jean Arthur are co-starred with Melvyn Douglas at the King's Theatre in Columbia's "Too Many Husbands," Wesley Ruggles' new comedy. The two are husband and wife until MacMurray is reported lost at sea, whereupon Jean marries Melvyn. Fred is rescued from his castaway island and "Too Many Husbands" hits its stride.

NAZI PICTURE OF ENGLAND

"Lack of plan," of which Hitler accuses the British military, political and R.A.F. authorities, seems to have overtaken German editors, who are in two minds as to what to serve up to their readers concerning England.

The main tendency is to portray England as a panic-stricken island.

German correspondents in Madrid and Stockholm picture the daily life in England with imaginary conversations between Mr. Smith and Mrs. Brown.

The conversations emphasise fear, lack of food, soaring prices, and the conviction of defeat. The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" emphasises that the English masses are terrified, because it is now clear that "even Churchill and Alexander are unable to assure them of successful defence action by the Fleet."

The "Lokal-Anzeiger," in a message dated from nowhere, says that armaments production in England is threatened with strikes and sabotage.

Dancing in Streets

The "Frankfurter Zeitung," however, reports from Stockholm that the pleasure-seeking English are dancing in the streets.

As a variation of the alleged cleavage between the Government and the people, the newspaper evolves the theory that enmity has developed between Londoners and people in the provinces.

People in the provinces, it says, who are subjected to air attacks, resent the lightheartedness of Londoners, who are now so unpopular that they are unable to indulge in the pastime fashionable until a few weeks ago of "week-ending in Edinburgh to watch the air raids there."

There is also a good sprinkling of atrocity accusations in the German Press. The official German News Agency states, on the evidence of one Sergt. Reil, how "the English shot a wounded German prisoner."

Reil concludes: "The English left me lying. As a death-like rattle came in my throat they thought I was expiring, otherwise they would certainly have killed me, too."

DECREE FOR HUSBAND

A decree nisi was granted in the Divorce Court to Mr. Claud Dobree Strickland, now serving in the R.A.F., against Lady Marguerite Strickland, daughter of the Earl of Darley, on the ground of her adultery with the co-respondent, Mr. Blake Dorn. The suit was undefended, and costs were given against the co-respondent.

Mr. Strickland's case was that in September, 1938, his wife, whom he married in 1934, was acting in a repertory company at Sunderland. Mr. Dorn was in the same company, and later he and Lady Marguerite came to London, where they lived together.

DISMISSAL OF W. O. COLONEL

The findings of the Court of Inquiry last March into the circumstances of the introduction of Mr. Charles Kingsley Scott, otherwise Charles Kinsler Scotnicki, to a firm of Government contractors and to certain military officers, are announced by Mr. Eden, Secretary for War.

As a result of the inquiry, the Army Council terminated the employment of Lt.-Col. Hayley, of the War Office, who had recommended Mr. Scott to Col. Howell Jones for introduction to the firm concerned with a view to financing certain contracts.

Col. Howell Jones, who held a post at the Ministry of Supply, was warned as to his future conduct.

Mr. Eden's statement was made in a written reply to Mr. Thurtle (Soc., Shoreditch). He stated:

"The Army Council came to the following conclusions in regard to the conduct of these officers in respect of the introduction of Mr. C. K. Scott to the firm referred to in the terms of reference:

"1. Lt.-Col. Hayley made the acquaintance in June, 1939, of Mr. Scott, who had served a sentence of imprisonment for fraudulent conversion and was not a person who should ever have been introduced by an officer for the purpose of assisting in any financial transaction.

Became Close Friends

"Within a couple of months Lt.-Col. Hayley became a close friend of Mr. Scott, and about the beginning of September, as a result of an inquiry by Mr. Scott, he put him into touch with Col. Howell Jones with a view to Mr. Scott finding, on a profit-making basis, finance to enable the firm referred to above to carry out certain store contracts for the Ministry of Supply.

"At that time Lt.-Col. Hayley did not know that Mr. Scott had been in prison. He refused an offer made by Mr. Scott of a share in the profit anticipated from the proposed financial transaction, but he accepted from Mr. Scott the offer of a business introduction with a view to employment after the termination of his military service."

"Although the Council were satisfied that the recommendations of Mr. Scott to Col. Howell Jones was not given by Lt.-Col. Hayley for any corrupt purpose, it was clear that while Lt.-Col. Hayley was unwilling to make a direct profit, he was not averse from gaining an indirect advantage if that should accrue after leaving the service and from a reputable source.

"The choice of friends must be a matter of personal taste, but the Army Council considered that, when Lt.-Col. Hayley realised, as he must then have done, that his friendship and introduction were being made use of for a private gain, it was most unwise of him to continue the easy-going relationship into which he had got."

"At a later date Lt.-Col. Hayley stated on Mr. Scott's form of application for enrolment into the Army Officers' Emergency Reserve that he considered Mr. Scott was suitable for a temporary commission."

"The court found that by the time that Lt.-Col. Hayley signed the form he had learned that Mr. Scott had been in prison and the Council accepted that finding. They considered that for Lt.-Col. Hayley to have signed the application while keeping silent as to his knowledge of Mr. Scott's criminal past showed a complete lack of appreciation of his responsibilities and duties as an officer."

Petition To King

"In view of the above considerations the Army Council decided to terminate this officer's employment in the Army. Lt.-Col. Hayley submitted a petition to the King, in accordance with the provisions of Section 42 of the Army Act, but, after careful considerations by the Army Council, I have found myself unable to advise His Majesty to issue any special instructions in regard thereto."

"2.—Col. Howell Jones, through



Melvyn Douglas, one of Jean Arthur's husbands in "Too Many Husbands." Melvyn usually "gets his girl" in the films he appears in, but this picture is somewhat different. He both does and does not "get the girl." It all depends on the point of view! Jean's final choice between her two husbands leaves both of them somewhat puzzled!

BRIGHTON HOTELS SHUT DOWN

Two famous Brighton hotels on the front, the King's Road, the Grand and the Metropole, have closed. The former is 80 years old while the latter would have celebrated its jubilee recently.

Defence restrictions and the fact that many people have left the town made it impossible to carry on, and the managers of both hotels stated that the staffs, totalling in all about 500 people, had been dispersed. It is probable that the hotels will remain closed to the end of the war.

The last visitor at the Grand was 88 years old Mrs. Mary Hodson, who has lived there for 38 years. At first she refused to leave, saying she wanted to spend her last days there.

Several other leading hotels in Brighton including the Royal Albion, had closed previously and some others will do so shortly. The Old Ship intends to keep open as long as possible.

his subordinate, Major MacGillivray, effected Mr. Scott's introduction to the firm referred to above. He failed to make any inquiries at all as to the character, standing, or resources of the person he thus sponsored on the grounds that the bona fides of a prospective financier or financial representative was a matter for the firm and not for him.

"Open To Criticism"

"The Council dissented from this view. They considered that the conduct of Col. Howell Jones was open to criticism on this point, namely, that at a time of unexampled stress he failed to realise that the mere fact of an introduction coming from him and made formally and officially by his subordinate lent to Mr. Scott a weight and authority which otherwise he could never have obtained."

"They were of opinion that it was his duty either to have made some inquiries about Mr. Scott before effecting the introduction or to have made it clear that he had not done so."

"Col. Howell Jones was working under very great difficulties, and, in the Council's view, was actuated throughout only by an urgent desire to promote the flow of equipment for the Army. In the circumstances the Council decided that it was not necessary to do more than to warn Col. Howell Jones as to his future conduct."

"No Blame Attaching"

"3.—Major MacGillivray introduced Mr. Scott to the firm referred to formally and officially and did not vouch for him personally. In so doing Major MacGillivray was merely carrying out his orders and the Council considered that no blame attached to him."

"4.—The name of Lt. Rowland was mentioned in connection with some of the financial negotiations between Mr. Scott and certain associates with the firm in question. Lt. Rowland was a civilian at the time and was not granted a commission until December, 1939."

"In the circumstances, the Council came to the conclusion that there was nothing in his conduct which reflected on his military reputation."

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VICHY POLITICS

The actions of the Vichy Government in the last week or two indicate that there is little remaining hope that the worst fears of France's friends will not eventuate, that the spirit of defeatism is too deeply ingrained in those that could change the course of the current, and that the job-hunters remain in their heyday.

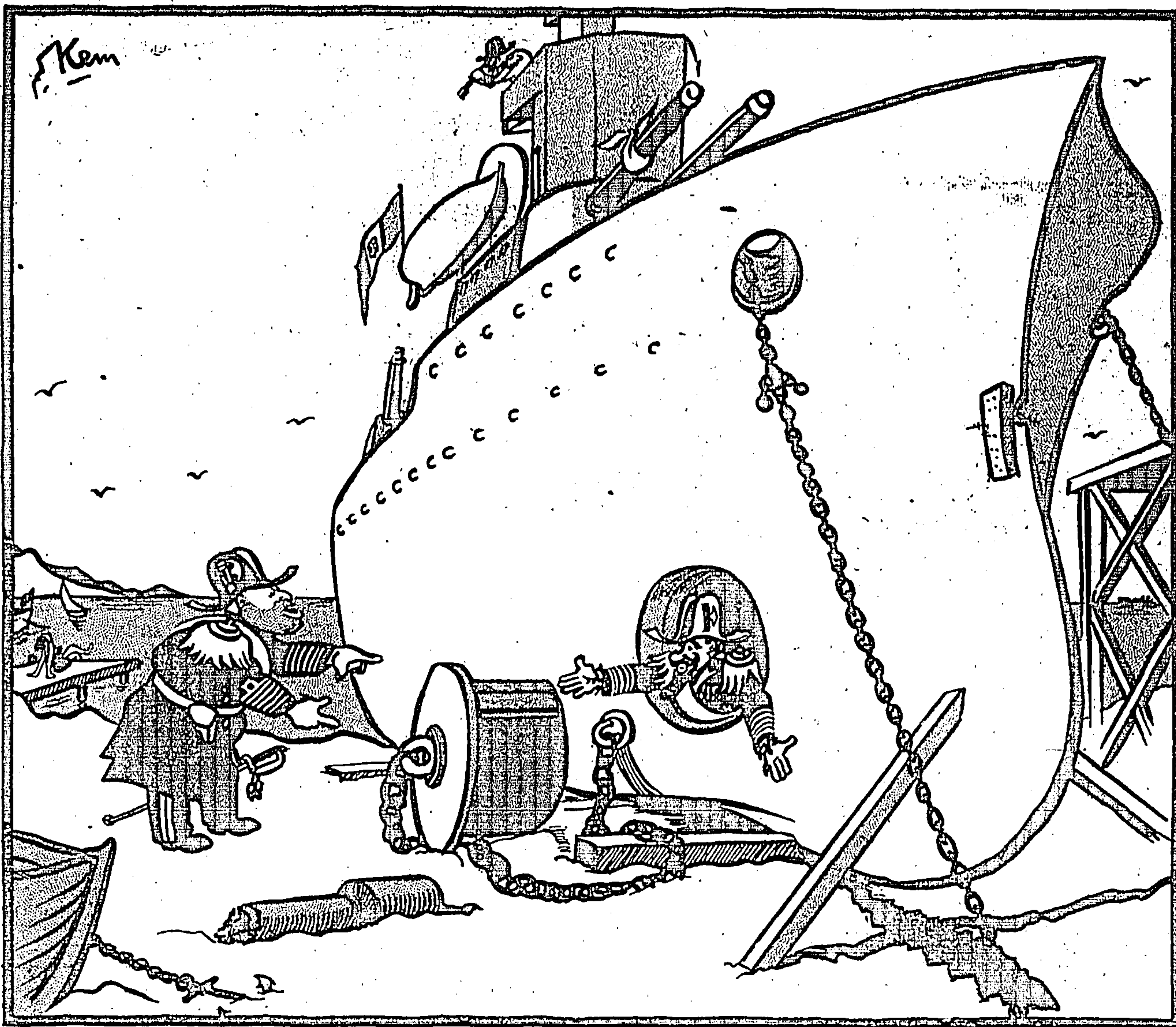
Latest moves include measures for the suppression of trade unions, for the elimination of democratic control in the provinces, for substitution of gauleiters for elected representatives, and against the Jews.

France, in fact, runs so fast at the heels of the German conqueror, is so anxious not to offend that Mr. Churchill had to admit the prospect of Vichy France ranged on the side of Britain's enemies. It seems impossible of belief, even at this day and age, yet we must see the situation clearly and realise that if our future relations are clouded in a mist, that which shows through is not calculated to rouse any British enthusiasm.

There are doubtless Frenchmen who think that France might have a tolerable future as junior partner in Hitler's Empire, sharing its favours, with Mussolini, following its fortunes, waiting on its voice.

How far the revision of the Constitution and the adoption of Nazi doctrines are meant to serve this plan, how far they are designed to meet the serious evils of French politics, it is hard to say.

It is difficult to believe that the French people, with all their proud history behind them, can be content to become a vassal State, lending their ancient prestige to the very forces that Revolutionary France and Catholic France have combined in denouncing as a new barbarism. These are dark days, but even under the shock of the most bitter of the blows that have fallen upon us most of us will refuse to despair of France or to believe that she is lost for all time to the cause of liberty. The alliance still lives in our hopes and our faith. Nothing done by their present rulers can destroy British respect or British gratitude for the courage of our comrades in the dangers and sufferings of the war.



OVERHAULING THE ITALIAN NAVY
Mussolini. "It's Hitler's idea. We may have to try scuttling'"

Money For Victory

The moment has arrived when every citizen must steel himself for war-sacrifices far beyond anything he has yet endured, or probably even contemplated.

Income-tax and surtax payers, it is true, have already been called upon to shoulder burdens substantially heavier than ever before, but for the broad mass of the people the incidence of the war has hitherto remained comparatively light.

Taxation has caused a steep rise in the price of certain staple luxuries, such as beer, whisky and tobacco, and prices generally have also risen to a moderate extent. But even at their present level, as measured by the (admittedly faulty) cost of living index, prices are no higher, relatively to wages, than they were in the peace, down to about 1926. Moreover, by far the greater part of the rise since war began occurred before Christmas, since when there has been little perceptible change.

Outlay and Output

This comfortable era of something not much below peace-time plenty in the midst of the grimest struggle our nation has ever had to face is at an end. No illusion can be more foolish than to imagine that we can go on eating our cake and still get all the guns and aeroplanes and tanks we need for the Battle of Britain.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer sounded the warning signal when he pointed out that since the beginning of June the total Government expenditure has been at the rate of £9,500,000 a day, which is £2,500,000 a day more than the previous average. This sudden stepping-up of expenditure is due to the tremendous acceleration in our aircraft and munitions output, and the more rapid intake of men into the armed forces.

At £9,500,000 a day our annual rate of expenditure is approximately £3,500,000,000. Since Viscount Simon had allowed in his April Budget for a bill of only £2,667,000,000, the increase amounts to no less than £800,000,000.

The magnitude of the task that confronts us will be appreciated when it is recalled that this additional deficit of £800,000,000 is by itself equivalent to our whole national expenditure in an ordinary peace year. But that is by no means all. Lord Simon had provided

tax revenues of only £1,234,000,000, leaving more than £1,400,000,000 of his estimated expenditure of £2,667,000,000 to be met by borrowing.

Only Two Expedients

Lord Simon himself never revealed how far he believed that a sum of this size could be raised from the genuine savings of the people. But, if we are to accept the published views of leading economists, £1,000,000,000 may be regarded as the maximum that the Government can hope to obtain by

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borrowing from the public and by the realisation of gold and capital assets abroad.

On this basis there was already a shortage of at least £400,000,000, even before the recent spurt in expenditure which added a further £800,000,000, making £1,200,000,000 in all. Thus the Government is spending £1,200,000,000 a year more than it is in a position, under present conditions, to bring into its coffers. In such a situation there are only two expedients by which the Government can pay its way. It must either resort to a wholesale creation of paper money (inflation) or else it must combine drastic increases in taxation with measures to ensure an enormous expansion in the flow of public savings.

The first of the expedients, involving a runaway inflation, would be a counsel of despair. It would mean a rapid and continuing rise in prices, which would dislocate every department of the public and private economy and render all accountancy impossible.

The Evils of Inflation

The national budget would have to be subject to frequent revisions in order to meet the Government's over-rising costs in terms of money. Contracts would have to be limited to the briefest period to avert the bankruptcy of contractors. Large sections of the community living on fixed incomes, such as widows and pensioners, would be reduced to penury. Wage-

earners might endeavour, who only partial success, to recoup their loss in real income by demanding wage increases, but each new wage increase would only serve to enhance the viciousness of the inflation spiral. The flow of savings would dry up, since no one will save or lend money which is always losing its value.

Obviously it is to no one's interest to be swept on to this Gaderene slope of bankruptcy. If our war machine is to run smoothly we must at all costs avoid the disorderly rout of inflation, and must take upon ourselves the orderly discipline of taxation and saving.

Taxation Has Limits

The munitions we need and are determined to have, can only be got by hard work and unflinching self-sacrifice. Inflation is merely an arbitrary and unjust means of shifting the burden between one section of the community and another; the burden itself is inescapable.

We are faced then with the necessity of cutting down every form of private expenditure to a hitherto unplumbed minimum. And we must do it now, before we fall into the deadly grip of inflation, which, in the absence of Draconian measures, cannot be far away.

No one will envy the Chancellor the duty of framing new taxation, and it is a subject on which no layman can perform any useful service by attempting to offer him advice.

Let this only be said. There is not the smallest prospect of his being able to raise anything like £1,200,000,000 in new taxation. Five hundred million pounds, spread over all classes, is probably somewhere near the limit.

A second thing adumbrated by the Chancellor is the "strict curtailment of consumption." It is this "strict curtailment of consumption" which has got to find the residuary £700,000,000 and here it can be stated with certainty that the requisite degree of strictness will never be achieved without some degree of compulsion at the instigation of the Chancellor himself.

Curb Private Spending

One useful way of curtailing consumption is to limit the opportunity of purchase by restricting

the supply of goods to the shops. Steps in this direction have already been taken by the Board of Trade, but they do not go nearly far enough.

Shops all over the country are still crowded and being replenished with all manner of objects entirely unnecessary to a nation battling for its existence. If the people cannot buy they must save willy-nilly, and it is for the Government to see that they cannot buy.

Another point worth mentioning is this: Since December the Government have been spending over £50,000,000 a year to stabilise the price of certain staple foods. Their primary object they have achieved, in as much as the prices of food in general have hardly moved in the past six months.

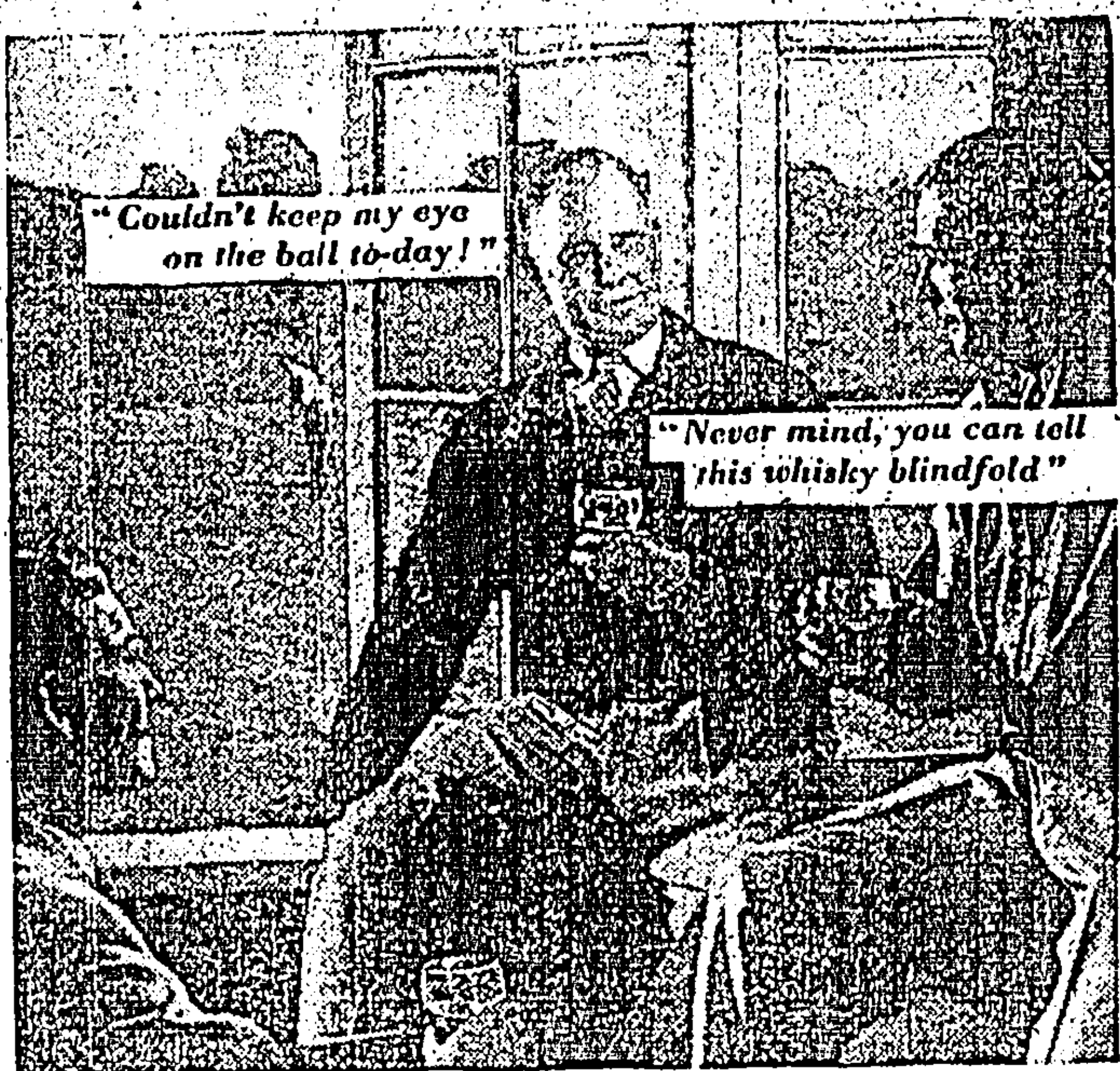
But in their secondary object, which was to remove any excuse for wage increases, they have failed. Between January and May wages increases were granted totalling well over £50,000,000 a year — £50,000,000 towards inflation. This should stop forthwith.

Wages should be placed under the same public control as that already established for persons and property. No variation either upward or downward should be permitted without Government sanction, which should only be given for some specific reason, as, for example, in the case of the recent sharp rise in agricultural wages, which the Government themselves decreed in order to attract the necessary amount of labour back to the land.

Let People Be Told

One final word. The country has unanimously applauded the recent acceleration in the output of munitions. It is inflexibly resolved that nothing shall be stinted in the provision of whatever is necessary to banish the unconscionable curse of Hitlerism from the face of the earth. There is another £1,200,000,000 to be found to meet the bill in the next 12 months.

The nation desires no half-measures. It is ready and anxious to know the hard truth. It only asks that the Government shall tell it in all frankness exactly how and where the money can be found. Once it is told there can be no question about the nature of the response.



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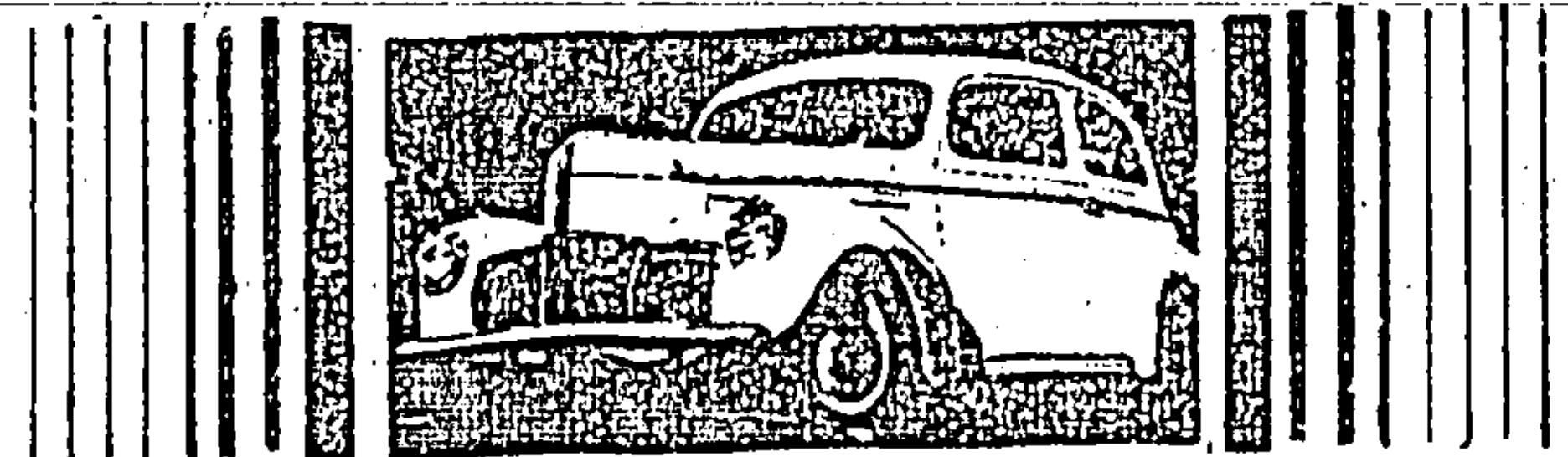
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HOUSING PLANS IN EUROPE AFTER THE WAR

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD Unit, a modern housing system which has been carried on in Europe with a considerable "degree of success" for the past 20 years, has been forced by the war to take a recess, but plans already are being made to continue the programme with renewed vigour when hostilities cease, according to Jose Luis Sert, Architect and Town Planner of international distinction, now on a lecture tour of the United States.

Mr. Sert, an enthusiastic exponent of the Neighbourhood Unit, said that while "practical readjustments" have been made necessary because of the war the goal of Europe's housing movement continues to be the establishment of better civic, social, building, and recreational conditions for city dwellers.

Europe's housing system, Mr. Sert feels, would be particularly applicable in the United States because of the many parkways and bridges which would give the desired space and unobstructed views.

The housing problem in Europe has been considered seriously since the middle of the last century with France, Germany, and England giving the matter close scrutiny. However, the World War interrupted whatever progress had been made and it wasn't until after 1918 that the working out of this problem really got under way. Housing interests began to apply their social and civic formulas, always careful to leave big, open spaces before dwelling blocks.

New Techniques Adopted

Natural conditions of the site had to be studied in relation to development for relaxation, recreation, and culture. This brought into play modern techniques of steel and concrete frames, new types of windows, walls reduced, new lighting materials and new systems of ventilating and heating. And in this modern planning high densities do not mean overcrowding, but tend toward a civic structure if designed in unit form.

This density of population can be taken care of by a series of low dwelling blocks of one or two-family houses, from one to three stories; by medium height blocks from four to eight stories; by high blocks from eight to fifteen stories and by skyscrapers, isolated units complete in themselves.

The low blocks system is a favourite in Holland where social services are included, but perhaps the best example is that of the Bellavista Flats at Bellevue, Denmark, constructed for the high middle class in 1934-35. Here the staggered plan gives light and privacy to the 68 apartments and the wide lawn meets the building in a clean line unencumbered by unnecessary details.

Another good example of the same type, also for the well-to-do, is Neubühl at Zurich, Switzerland, where a loop of streets leads to a colony of houses with civic equipment as kindergarten, shops, and recreation buildings. Because of the slight hill and manner of construction every living-room opens to the south-east with a view of Lake Zurich.

Social Service System

Then there is the group for low incomes at Siemensstadt Siedlung, Berlin, a streamlined design based on the strictest economy, but forming a complete Neighbourhood Unit with a central system of social services.

The Cité de la Muette, Drancy, near Paris, is another complete community scheme, a skyscraper group financed by the state. Medium blocks and small, well spaced skyscrapers of fifteen stories, the first of its kind, according to Mr. Sert, obtain high densities and free open spaces, where one can live as well as exist, in itself a justification for these Neighbourhood Units.

"Certainly these housing experiments of the past 20 years," summed up Mr. Sert, "have not proved lost time. They have formulated a new theory of what dwelling areas have to be to satisfy human needs, materially and spiritually.

They have defined Neighbourhood Units. They have experimented with a new building technique far enough to foresee its enormous possibilities, once it can be applied on large-scale schemes. Perhaps there have been more good intentions than good results, more useful failures than definite solutions, but all the same, something has been done and there are many important 'Utopias' on paper ready to find expression in concrete form."



A ruffled gypsy skirt is worn over Virginia Grey's two-piece play suit of non-crushable linen. In vivid blue and dusty rose, the suit combines outdoor practicability with suitability for house wear with the donning of the skirt. Either knee-length or floor-length skirts may be worn with the suit.

CANADA'S WAR PAID BY SMALL MAN

IT'S THE LITTLE FELLOW — the man with the \$1 and \$10 subscription—who's coming through in a big way with the money needed to finance Canada's war needs, a study of the Dominion's current borrowing showed S. F. Porter of the "New York Post."

Recently Canada placed on the market its second war loan, amounting to \$300,000,000, bearing 3 per cent. interest and due October 1, 1952. At midnight two days later, subscriptions totalled \$201,949,000; orders were running between \$20,000- and \$40,000,000 a day.

Contrasted with the U. S. government's billion-dollar borrowings in 12 hours, this record may not appear impressive. But that first reaction fails to consider one pivotal point: the difference in the buyers.

Canada is asking private citizens to buy the war bonds, is appealing to individuals in every section of the Dominion to "Make Your Dollars Fight for Freedom."

The U. S. Treasury in recent years has relied almost entirely upon the country's banks and insurance companies for funds. The distinction is vital not only from a financial, but also from a social viewpoint.

All Types

The trend of Canadian war financing is highly significant to American citizens, for it well may be that the experience of the Dominion with its war borrowing may foretell the experiences the U. S. is to have with its national defence financing.

There's no question that Canada is almost at the private citizen and is trying to hold to a minimum bank subscriptions. On the first war loan, for instance—it was for \$200,000,000, carried 3½ per cent. interest and was sold in January—large subscribers received only 40 per cent. of the amounts bid for.

Small buyers received the full amounts asked for.

On this current one, the same procedure may be followed to secure what the Finance Minister called "a type of distribution which will make the issue an unquestioned success."

When the first war loan was floated the remark was made that "the books on the issue will be kept open as long as possible to assure purchasers of small amounts full

opportunity to do their bit on the economic front in this war."

Instalment Buying

Report is Canadian banks are working out arrangements with private citizens to permit them to buy the bonds on credit and to pay back the banks in instalments.

It's similar to the programme U. S. banks followed during the Liberty Loan drives of the first World War. That's another thought-provoking point.

No Interest

Perhaps even more indicative is the Dominion's sale of "registered non-interest-bearing certificates" due June 15, 1945.

Thousands of citizens offered to lend money to the Dominion without interest, it is said, so Canada tendered a \$10,000,000 issue of these non-interest-bearing certificates in denominations ranging from \$1 up.

Not only has the \$10,000,000 been subscribed, but \$5,000,000 more has been sent in, according to reports.

Books on the loan probably will remain open indefinitely.

Policy

It's a matter of fundamental financial policy—whether a government is to go to its citizens for money during an emergency, or whether it is to rely on bank credit and to risk encouraging inflationary forces.

So far, the U. S. has chosen the bank credit method for its financings, but if our emergency is prolonged and national defence expenditures continue over many years, it is highly likely that this government will follow the same policies adopted by Canada.

"A people's loan"—as William Gibbs McAdoo put it in 1917—"is the mainstay of a government in a crucial period."



With Nancy Kelly as the lady and Jon Hall as the sailor, there's laughter from ship to shore in "Sailor's Lady," the 20th Century-Fox film coming on Sunday to the King's Theatre. It's riotous as a thousand gobs go on the loose! It's frantically funny when an adopted baby is smuggled aboard the flagship and the war games are scuttled! And it's romantic when the two find love!

CANADA'S RICH IRON ORE FIND

UTILISING TWO-FOOT-THICK ice formed over small northern Ontario Steep Rock Lake, geophysicists of the University of Toronto last winter found and mapped rich iron ore deposits which began 300 feet below the lake surface.

Late this summer Canada starts to tap this new iron ore reserve found with the latest in electrical prospecting methods, and which is estimated to hold at least 300,000,000 tons of high grade iron ore. With Canada importing from the United States and Newfoundland practically all the iron ore needed in the iron and steel industries, the new field is regarded as of wartime importance.

Cheap Transporting Available

Formation of four distinct iron ore deposits were traced under the waters of the small M-shaped lake, which lies about 30 miles north of the United States-Canada boundary, directly north of the largest United States iron ore fields in Minnesota.

Only 135 miles east of the new iron field, connected by a main railway line, is Port Arthur on Lake Superior, giving the new iron deposits cheap water transportation to the blast furnaces on Great Lake ports in both Canada and the United States.

It has long been known that there should be some iron deposits in that region. But how to locate the ore has baffled prospectors for the past 50 years.

Research came to the rescue when it was discovered that University of Toronto engineers under Dr. A. A. Brant had perfected equipment which would measure from a lake surface in winter time, the mineral content of ore far below the lake bottom.

The geophysicists had their equipment out on the lake ice in clear weather and storms, for only on the ice could they work. With portable electric power plants on the ice they measured variations in electric current set up by metal electrodes placed in holes drilled through the two foot ice.

With magnetometer and torsion balance in an insulated portable booth they made other measurements, plotted the results of all three methods on a map of the lake, and found four iron ore bodies under the lake.

Content Rate Of Ore High

Diamond drills were set up on the lake ice, casings were sunk through 150 feet of water, through 150 feet of clay and bedrock, and iron ore was struck with the diamond drills sent down inside the casings.

Wherever the electrically plotted map showed ore deposits the diamond drills corroborated the findings of the geophysicists. They found ore as far down as 2,400 feet, ore with iron content of 61

per cent, which is rated high in the iron and steel industry.

This year Canada hopes to see at least 750,000 tons of iron ore from under Steep Rock Lake, according to present production plans.

Should necessity of rapidly expanding war industries warrant, the lake is to be drained at a cost of \$2,000,000, the waters being diverted by means of a dam, and open pit mining to replace the tunneling operations under the lake.

Canada's official Government publication, "Canada 1940," in its chapter on the iron and steel industry holds that the development at Steep Rock Lake is "of national importance."



Here's Alice Faye, beautiful blonde actress who plays the title role in Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "Lillian Russell," the 20th Century-Fox film, which is coming soon to the King's Theatre, and which also features Don Ameche, Henry Fonda and a huge supporting cast.

DIRT TO FLY SOON AT PANAMA

Bernard L. Burdick, Chief of the Panama Canal's office in Washington, discloses that preparations were almost complete for the gigantic task of digging a new \$277,000,000 channel in Uncle Sam's "big ditch" between the Atlantic and Pacific.

"Already a fleet of dredges has been turned loose on the job of enlarging the canal," Mr. Burdick said, "and within a week or two we'll advertise for competitive bids for beginning the dry land excavations."

"The dirt is going to fly again down on the Zone, just as it did in the good old days when the steam shovels chewed their way through the Cucaracha Slide."

New Locks

The new locks—designed as a defence measure to reduce the Canal's vulnerability to bombing and sabotage—will constitute the waterway's third set, and will be restricted to United States Navy use alone. Engineers estimate that six years normally would be required to complete the locks, but they hope to do the job in less time.

Mr. Burdick said he already had hired 2,000 new workers and shipped them to the Zone, "and we simply are swamped with applications for jobs from the unemployed."

"Deluged"

Mr. Burdick declared he was having difficulty finding experienced office engineers and metal trades workers to go to the Isthmus, although he was "deluged" with applications from other types of workers he did not need.

The Panama Canal Administration, he disclosed, had sent a personnel expert to engineering colleges in search of graduates capable of helping design the three new sets of locks that will parallel the existing ones at Gatun, Pedro Miguel and Miraflores.

Another big job now occupying the Panama Canal office is the purchase of everything necessary for the operation, maintenance, and enlargement of the Isthmian waterway. The items range from rubber bands and concrete mixers to hypodermic needles and a dive bomber.

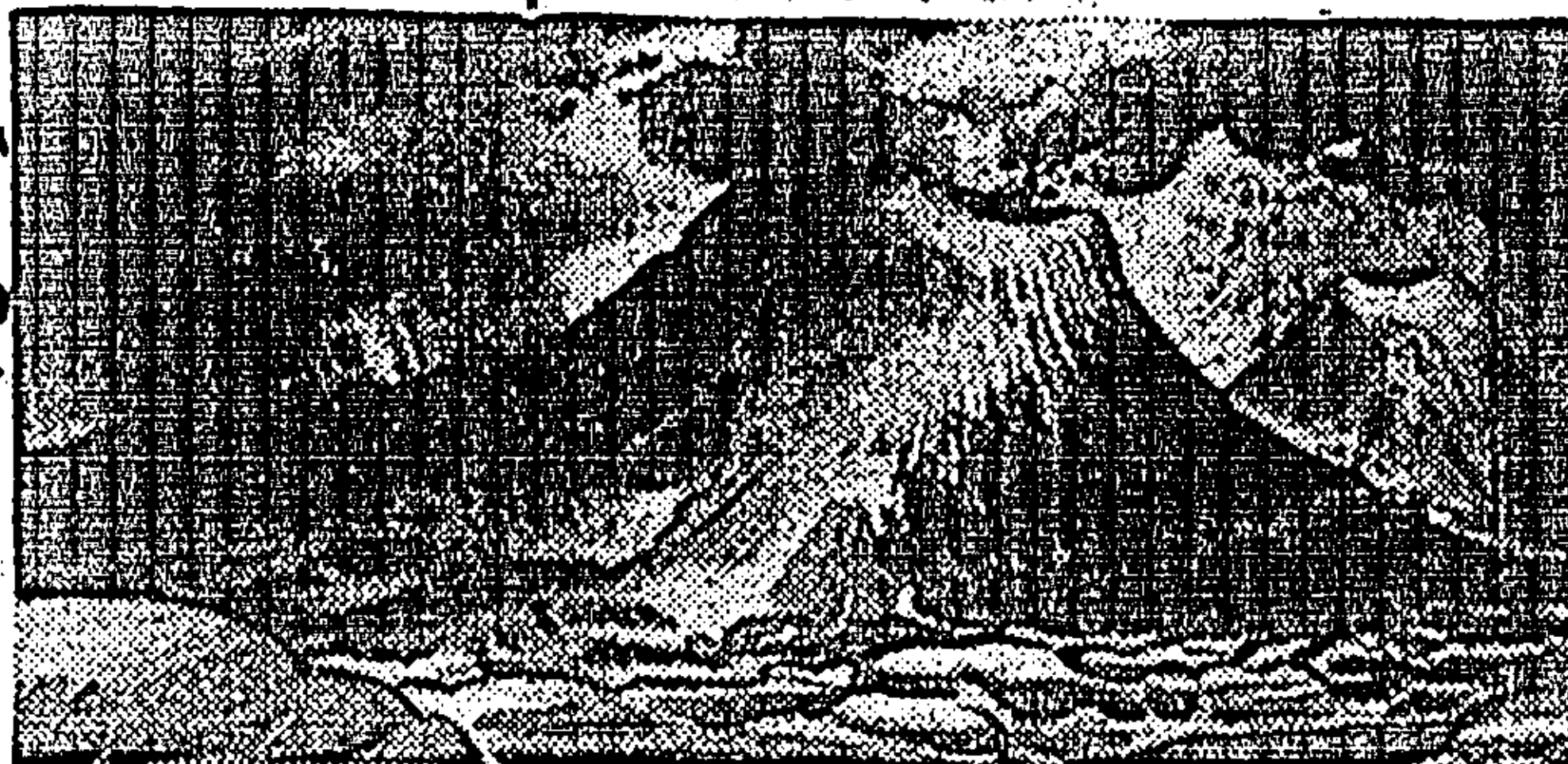
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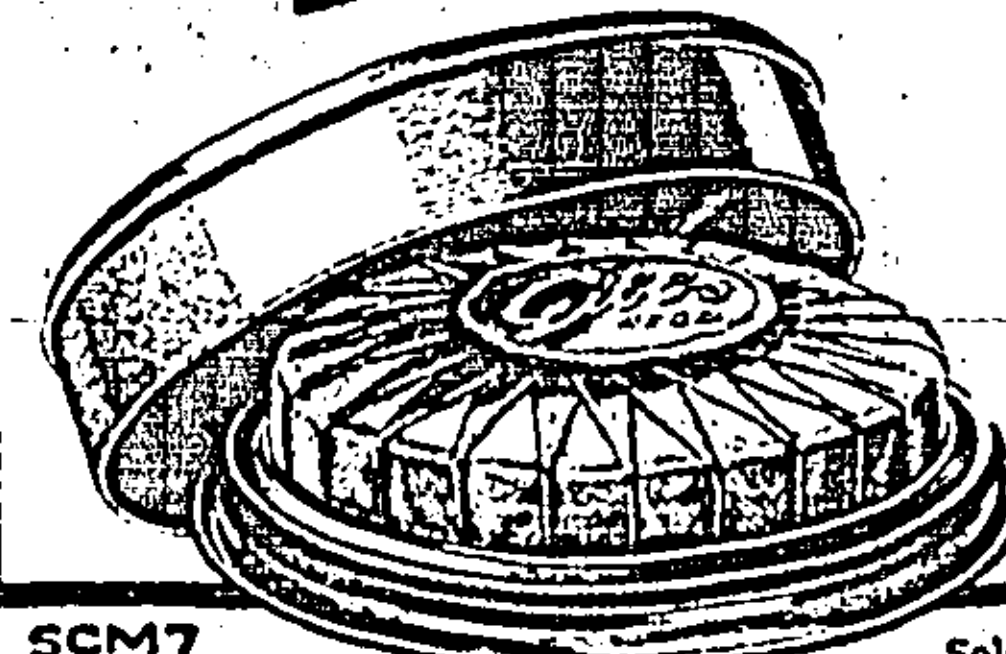
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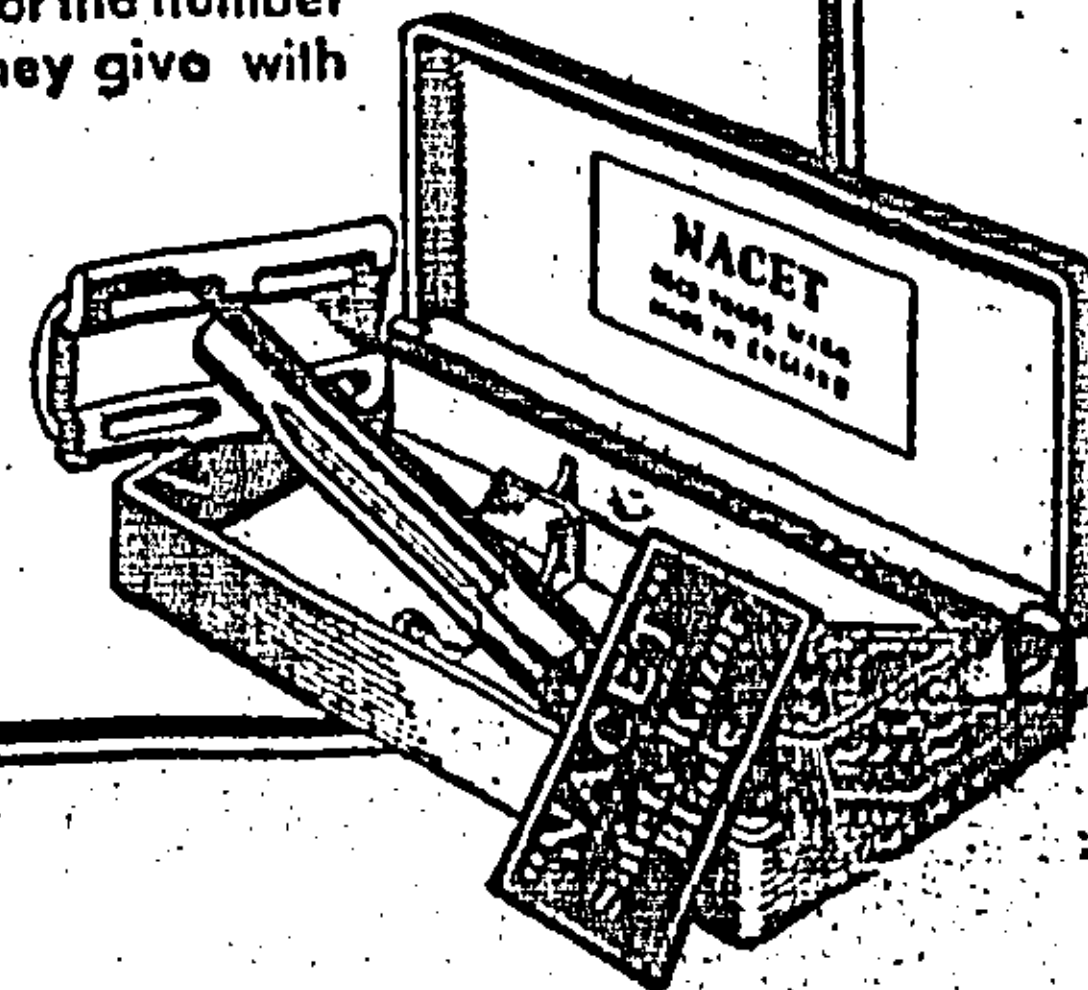


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BRIDGE NOTES

A London reader forwards an unusual and instructive deal, made by South at game all:

NORTH

S—x x x

H—K J x x x

D—x

C—A K x

WEST

S—x x

H—10 x

D—x x x

C—10 x x x x x

EAST

S—A Q x

H—A Q x

D—Q x x

C—Q J x x

SOUTH

S—K J 10 x x

H—x x

D—A K J x x x

C—None

The auction (which I fear I must stigmatise as atrocious) went—South West North East 2D No 3H (!) No 2S No 4C (!) No 5D (!) No 4C Double On a heart lead South was penalised 800 points. The sender considers the N-S. hands an exposure of the losing count on the ground that "South has five losers and North seven losers, so that a small slam should be assured."

The first feature of the hand is an unusual form of that old bug-bear "duplication of values". South reckons on ruffing a couple of clubs, and North reckons on making the very same pair of tricks with his A, K! The second feature is an unusual lack of cross-communications, considering how strong the N-S. hands are; poor South was quite unable to get at North's clubs. The third feature is the reckless fashion in which N-S. started the bidding at an eight-trick level and kept jumping it unnecessarily without discovering whether there was the least hope of a fit in a suit. North had no excuse for bidding 3H on the first round, as a misfit was very probable. His 4C bid was equally thoughtless, since it ended all hope of a 3NT contract, and he knew that South was weak or void in hearts, though he could not know that East held A, Q. Fourthly, neither North nor South seem to have mastered plastic valuation, for it is quite untrue to claim that their joint hands contained but twelve losers at diamonds.

The North hand has nine losers at diamonds, seven at hearts, and nine at no trumps. The South hand has five losers at diamonds, nine at no trump, and, say, seven at spades, considering that one heart and three clubs may demand to be ruffed with only five trumps headed by K, J, 10. So the losing count, properly applied, emerges with reasonable credit from the valuation, though a small slam in spades can be made on a club lead. The correct play of the diamond suit is a further point of interest, as the odds are in favour of the invisible six diamonds splitting 4-2. It remains to discuss how the hands should be bid, and my suggestions would be as follows:—

South.—1D. (The deal obviously lends itself to approach bidding.)

West.—Pass.

North.—1H. (It is true that he has only seven losers at hearts but he is weak at any other denomination, and a force cannot possibly be justified till the general situation has been further illuminated.)

East.—Pass. (He is quietly licking his chops.)

South.—1S. (Still apprehensive of a frightful misfit.)

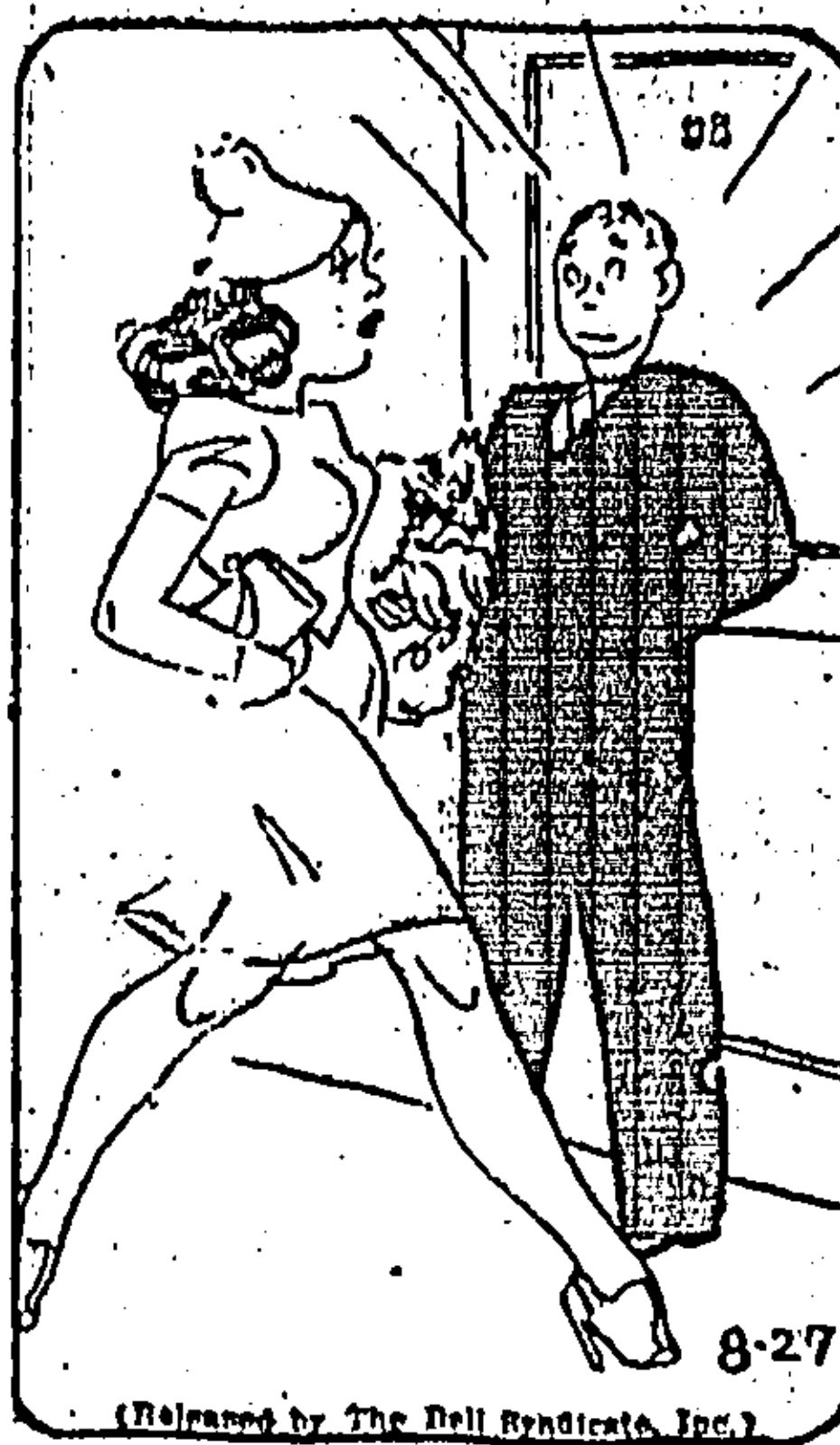
North.—2NT or 3H. (North has a thorny decision to make at this point. If he calls 2H it would be a sign-off at most systems. A bid of 3H crowds the auction and fails to show the club controls. I think that 2NT is perhaps the more informative of his two rational bids.)

East.—Pass. (He is getting happier every moment.)

South.—3D (over 2NT) or 3S (over 3H). (Another awkward bid.)

North.—3S (over 3D) or 4S (over 3S). (East ceases to gloat, as he dare not double 4S.)

The 4S contract is slightly anxious work for South against a heart lead, though he will, of course, make it. On a club lead he will make 6S.



The honeymoon is over when the groom finds his side of the family argument is the outside.

TRIED TO LEAVE WITH £1,500

ACCUSED OF TRYING TO TAKE OUT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM BANKNOTES TO THE VALUE OF £1,500 WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE TREASURY, MRS. MARIA HART, A WIDOW, AGED 59, OF ALBION GATE, HYDE PARK, WAS AT LIVERPOOL REMAINED IN CUSTODY.

Mr. J. R. Bishop, prosecuting said Mrs. Hart was arrested after she had made a very determined effort to board a liner bound for the United States.

She was asked how much money she had on her and replied that she had £30—£10 was for herself and £10 for each of her two grandchildren, aged five and seven, accompanying her.

She was handed over to a woman searcher. All that was found on her was £30.

Spoken to by a police officer, she admitted that she had more. Three bank notes, each of £500, were found on her.

She said: "I am sorry. I did it for the grandchildren. As I was not robbing anyone, I did not think it was so serious. It is my own money."

The stipendiary magistrate refused bail.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



"Whaddya mean I don't love you? Ain't I taking a slow train to make the separation less sudden?"

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WOMEN WATCH FOR RAIDERS

The tiny Suffolk village of Benhall has organised its own corps of women observers, who, from sunrise to nightfall, watch out for parachutists.

The oldest of the volunteers is nearly 70, the youngest a girl of 17. Most of them are wives and mothers whose husbands work all day on the land and who belong to the L.D.V. At sunrise, the first woman watcher goes on duty, and every hour the patrol is changed.

Mrs. A. C. Pepper, a farmer's wife, who is organising the volunteers in one part of the village, said to a reporter:

"The women are as keen as can be. Children at the village school have made us white armlets bearing the letters 'W.O.' meaning Women Observers. Every week we have a meeting over a cup of tea and work out a seven-day rota. There is only one thing we want now—binoculars or telescopes."

Twenty-year-old Diana Holland, chief organiser, said: "We are practical women, and some of us are crack shots, but they will not let us carry guns."

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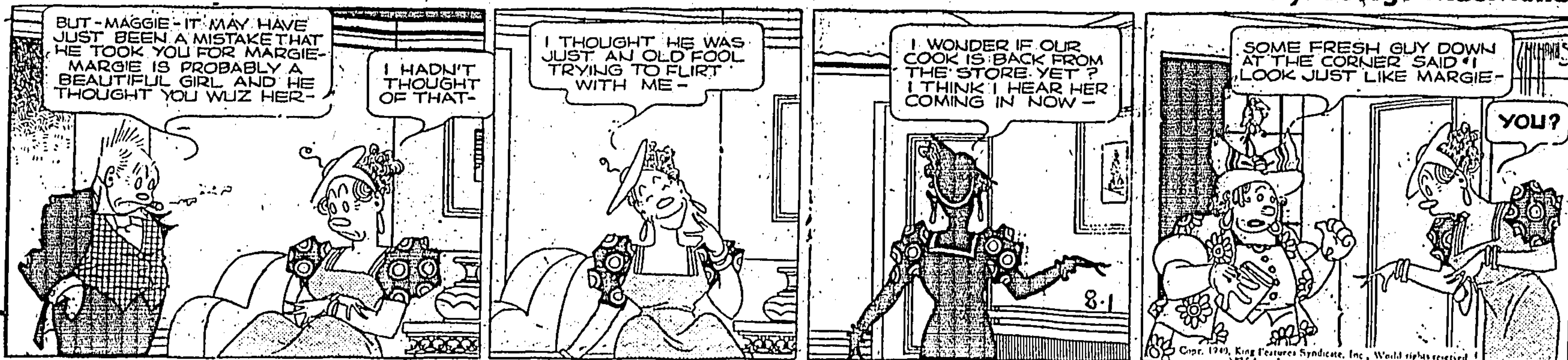
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Four Beauty Aids

So much is written for the younger beauty in the way of skin care, but it is the woman over forty who needs to heed complexion advice.

Aging skin (and skin ages quickly after thirty) requires specific and intelligent care. Deep pore cleansing is of greatest importance, to begin with. It takes a quickly liquefying cleansing preparation for the oily skin, and a more substantial cream mixture for the dry skin. Both should be followed by a washing with warm water and suds of a bland soap.

Next in order is an astringent. Here again you must purchase your aid with care—selecting a mild astringent for the dry skin and one which is more firming to the oily skin. Some cosmeticians advise that the astringent be used after the cleansing cream, with no soap and water shampoo between. You may experiment with your own skin and follow the method it reacts to with the better result.

Keep Skin Free Of Lines

Some skins at forty-plus have excellent texture. They have either been well cared for during the past ten years, or the owner has been blessed with very good health and few tribulations. Most women past forty require a rich lubricating cream to banish lines, or to prevent them from appearing. Such a cream is massaged in at night, or may be used after every soap washing, and before applying make-up. Of course, if you have been fortunate to find the perfect make-up foundation formula, then by all means use it. Otherwise, a little lubricating cream massaged into the skin thoroughly, serves admirably, especially if you are a devotee of a cream rouge.

Which Masque Do You Use?

For ages past women have resorted to masques to firm their facial muscles and to keep the pores from becoming enlarged. To-day a masque is as essential in any skin care, as in Cleopatra's time. Women who have the beauty of their skin at heart, should use a masque every ten days, or every two weeks. But do not allow your face muscles to depend too greatly on this firming aid. Exercise it, and be conscious of lifting the tiny muscles when you smile, and keep them lifted as you go about your regular duties. If you allow them to droop, they will droop badly, and no masque will be able to lift them to pleasing, youthful lines.

Your Neck And Back

The majority of women have been schooled in keeping their throats well cared for but many pay no attention to their upper shoulders and back. Their upper shoulders should be creamed and firmed along with the face skin, and their backs should be scrubbed well with a bath brush and creamed at least twice a week.



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Toe-Bar Exercise

The longer we live the more we are convinced that physical beauty depends entirely upon good health. Without good health we cannot have exquisitely textured skin, gay eyes, lustrous hair and an agile body.

Feet (the part of your body you neglect most of all) are often referred to as the foundations of health. Once they develop the symptoms of age and abnormal health, your entire body responds morbidly. Dr. Howard Inches writes in one of his recent books, "No matter how ill a man may be if his feet are still full of life and are healthy, he will be able to bring himself around to a better state of health. It should behoove every person to regard his feet as important sections of his anatomical structure, and to remember not to neglect them!"

Care Of Your Feet

This same authority continues in his advice by telling us feet should be given well-fitting, but not snug-fitting shoes. We retard the blood supply to the feet if we wear too tight stockings and shoes. Every night, or morning, during your bath you should give the feet a thorough massage, or brushing with a bath brush and rinse them with cool water. Dry well between the toes.

When you return home at the end of the day take off your shoes and stockings and run around barefoot before you bathe. Massage the toes well with a soothing cream, and pull each out so you can almost hear the tiny joints crack. The toes require forced exercise.

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Second Exercise: With the toes still around the bar, stand erect and touch the floor with the heels several times.

Third Exercise: Place the heels on the bar and touch the floor several times with the toes.

Fourth Exercise: Massage the arch of one foot, then the other, for several minutes by rubbing the arch over the bar. Do this in a semi-circular motion, rubbing only the arch.

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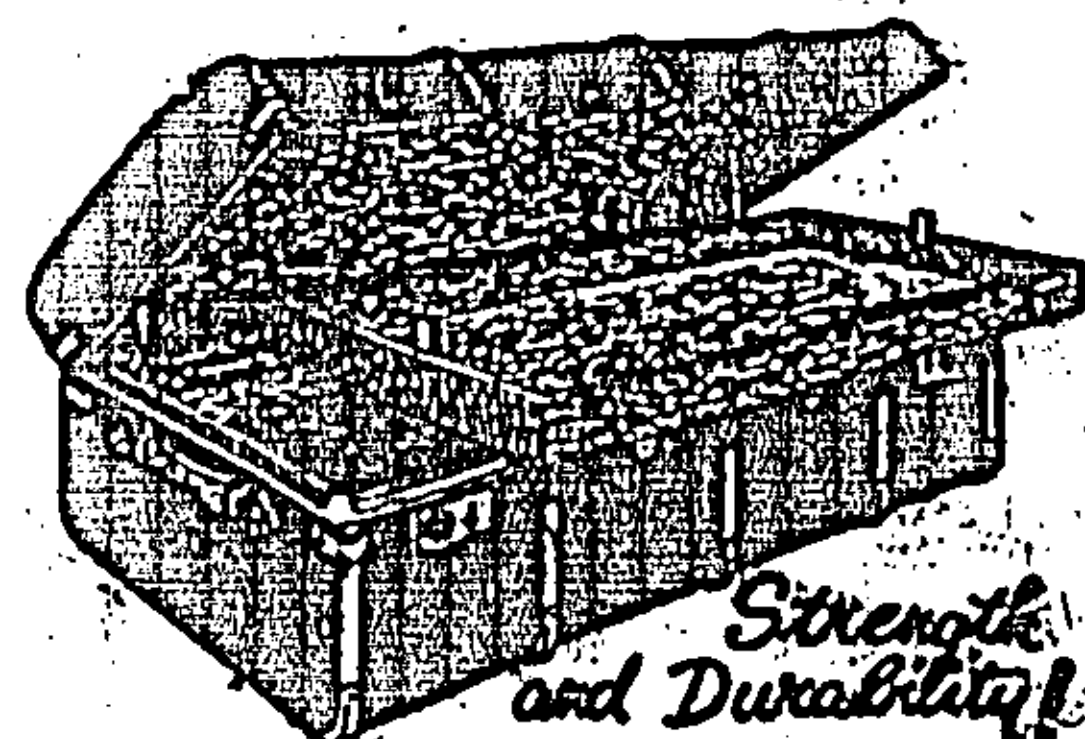
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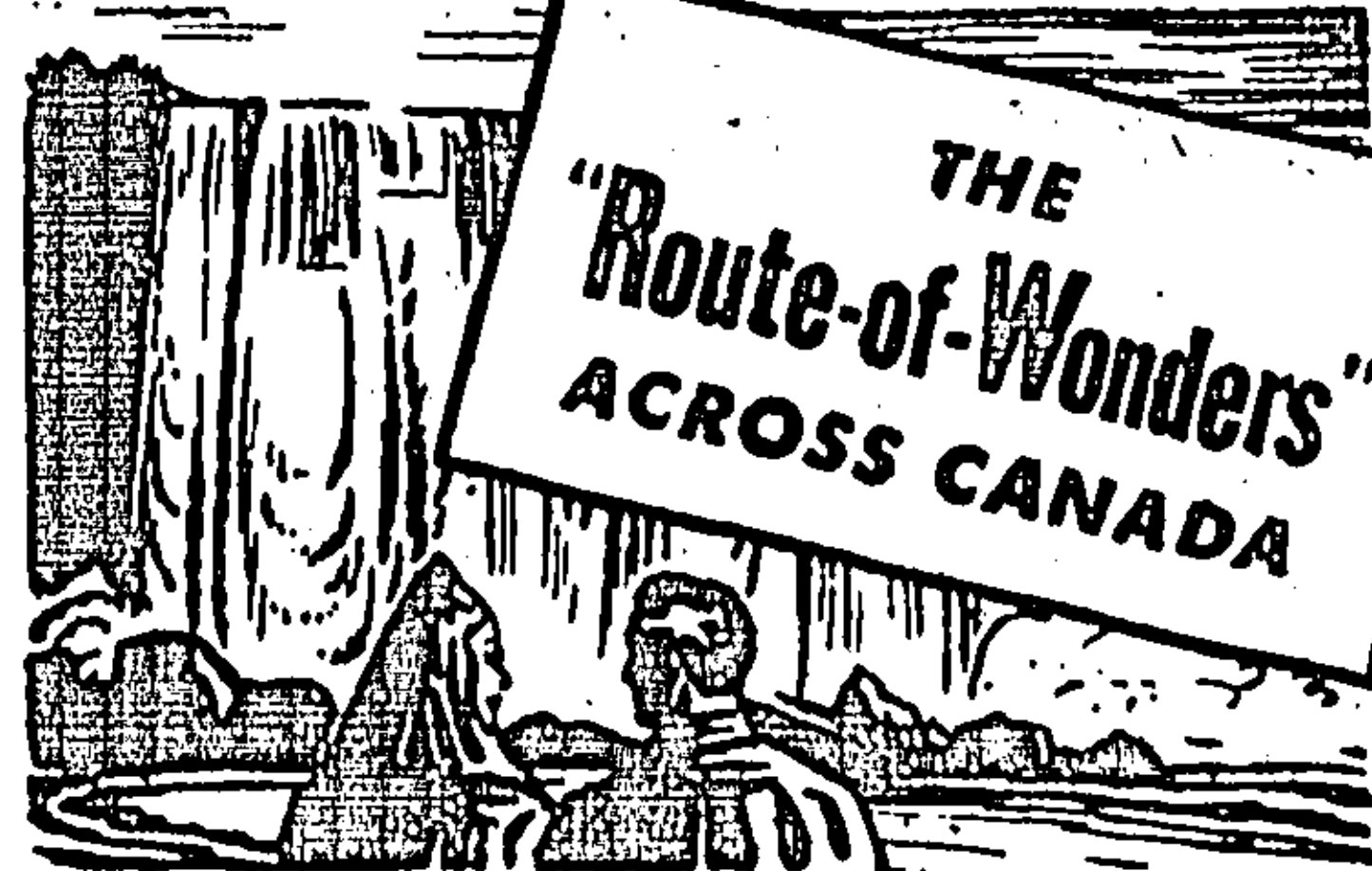
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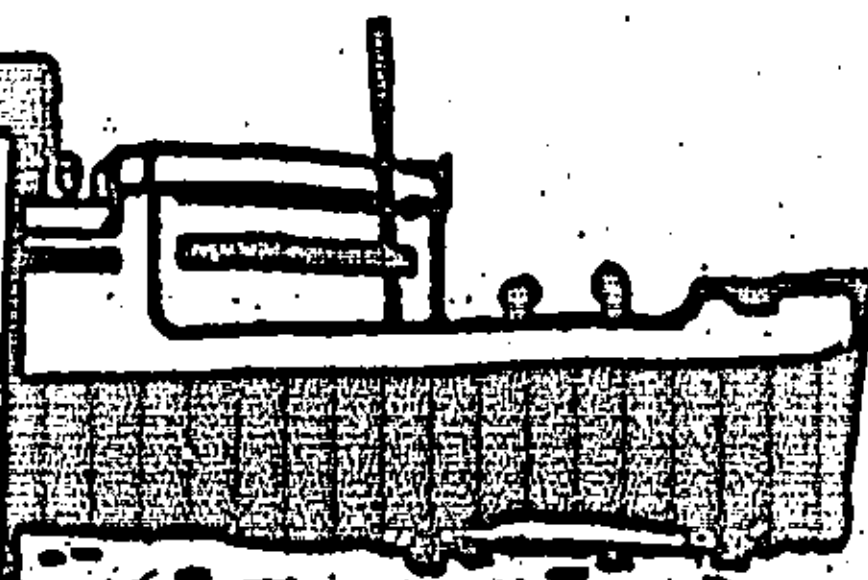
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Flanders was the birthplace of the Grenadier Guards, and whenever danger threatens it calls to them to come. They have fought there under all the great commanders, Marlborough, Wellington, and Haig. They first landed at Dunkerque in 1658, and it was from Dunkirk that they last saw the plains of Flanders in 1940.

There were four battalions of Grenadiers in the British force that pushed forward in May of this year to the assistance of the Dutch, and by May 14 three of them were hotly engaged. On the Dendre on the 18th they fought side by side and disposed speedily and skilfully of a strong German patrol that appeared when a company commander was reconnoitring a forward position.

A company commander took the Bren gun himself, knocked out a German armoured car, and forced the German cyclists to take cover in a house which was then destroyed by the regimental mortars.

A few days later the Grenadiers earned their first V.C. of this war when Lance Corporal Nichols led a counter-attack, firing with a Bren gun from his hip as he advanced, silencing three enemy machine-guns and driving back a German force that had crossed the River Escout.

There followed the retreat to Dunkirk. The regiment suffered loss among its officers. A battalion commander and two company commanders were reconnoitring a rearward position when they came under hot fire.

The colonel was killed, the others wounded. A subaltern of the battalion found the survivors lying helpless in the main street of the town which was raked by machine-gun fire and rifle fire. Undeterred he carried to safety the body of his dead colonel and the two surviving company commanders.

It was this same young officer who shortly afterwards was detailed to ascertain the exact position when his battalion came unexpectedly under fire as they retired.

He took with him the Bren-carrier platoon, he rallied the troops on the spot, and led back the force in a determined counter-attack and secured the line of retreat to the sea.

The Grenadiers will have the inspiration of episodes such as these when next they come into action, when next they fight in Flanders.

BOY WHO SHOT GIRL

THE STORY OF A YOUTH'S LOVE FOR A SCHOOLGIRL WHOM HE SHOT BEFORE TAKING HIS OWN LIFE WAS TOLD AT A CHELMSFORD YESTERDAY.

The couple, John Cottis, 19, a cowman, and Ann Muirhead, 14, a pupil at Chelmsford High School for girls, were found shot dead through the head in a field at Woodham Ferrers, the village where they lived and where Cottis worked. Near Cottis's body was a sporting gun.

The coroner found that Cottis had murdered the girl and committed suicide. Muirhead was the daughter of the village postmaster.

The girl's father said the couple had been friendly about six months. His daughter had told her mother she was rather fond of Cottis, but was not going out any more with him.

Det.-Sgt. Stanley said he found a note in Cottis's handwriting stating, "I loved Ann with all my heart. She has taken to soldiers and that is where I take steps before there is trouble. I feel sorry for her parents and mine."

GAOL FOR TELEPHONIST

Maureen Pamela Jacques, 25, a confidential telephonist in the W.A.A.F. and the wife of an officer in the merchant service, was sentenced at Hendon to three months' imprisonment. She was accused of communicating what purported to be information regarding aircraft operations.

Charles William Camini, a bus-driver, stated Mrs. Jacques, who was in the cafe where he was having lunch, said:

"We received a message this morning: 'Raiders over two towns. We await orders from the officer commanding. We have seven aeroplanes up. Are they to fight or are the A.A. guns to go into action?' Instead of giving instructions the officer dilly-dallied about."

Mrs. Jacques added, according to Camini, that parachutists had landed at one of these towns and went on to praise the Nazi organisation.

Mrs. Jacques, in evidence, said she joined in a conversation about German organisation. Her statements about bombing and parachutists were camp rumours.

LONG DELAYS IN CALL-UP

Criticism is still being heard regarding delays in the calling-up of men for the Forces. Despite a Ministry of Labour explanation that the intake rate has been accelerated, and that the average interval between registration and call-up is now about two months, there is evidence that often a much longer period elapses.

A reporter was told of men of 22 and 23, whose classes were registered before the end of last year and early this year, who are still awaiting their orders to report. Now that the Army, according to the Secretary for War, Mr. Eden, is drafting in men at the rate of 7,000 a day, it may be assumed that their exclusion is either because they are in the tradesmen's "pool" or they have been scheduled for eventual service with the Navy or the R.A.F.

Revise Waiting List

If these Services still cannot absorb such young men, it is suggested that the waiting list should be revised and reduced, while those retained should be called up for preliminary training.

Other cases concern men of 26 who, when their class was registered, in April, expressed a desire to follow their trades or to undertake specialist duties with the R.A.F. They still remain in civilian life.

Among men in early classes whose call is also long deferred are those with mechanical knowledge who are to be drafted, when required, to the Navy, Army, or R.A.F. Here, again, it is suggested that if the supply temporarily exceeds the demand, the pool should be drained a little, and the men called up for general training until they are wanted in their own jobs.

There is some evidence of corresponding delays in the industrial sphere. Many people anxious to undertake munition work are disappointed by the time lag between their enlistment and employment.

CONTROL OF BAUXITE

Lord Beaverbrook's appeal for aluminium scrap is a direct result of the capitulation of France, the world's largest single producer of bauxite, the raw material of aluminium.

In 1938 France produced 17½ per cent. of the world's total and this, added to the 25 per cent. already produced by Italy, Germany and Hungary, gives the Axis Powers control of more than 42½ per cent. of the world's aluminium clay.

Since Yugoslavia's 10 per cent. output must also now be regarded as at their disposal, the Axis Powers may be said to control half the world's supply.

The only important Empire producer of bauxite is British Guiana, with 9 per cent.; but the Dutch Empire produces 16 per cent., so that about one quarter of the world's output is under Allied control. India and British Malaya are also beginning to produce small amounts, and there are unworked deposits in Nyasaland, Sierra Leone and the Gold Coast.

The domestic production of the United States, 8½ per cent., is much less than half even of her peace-time requirements. If she is to speed up her munitions output considerable British and Dutch supplies will have to be made available to her.

Regarding scrap collection, it may be noted that, according to the Census of Production, the output of aluminium hollow-ware for sale in this country has averaged in recent years about 3,000 tons. There must, therefore, be many thousands of tons distributed among the kitchens of Great Britain.

HUNT FOR NAZI AGENT

A squad of Special Branch detectives from Scotland Yard has been detailed to trace the Nazi agent responsible for printing and distributing small labels announcing the wavelength of the German propaganda station styling itself the "New British" Broadcasting Station which is situated in Germany. Large quantities of the labels were found in the possession of Fascists recently arrested under the Defence Regulations.

When detectives raided a Fascist headquarters in East London recently they found a small printing press which had been used for printing similar labels. The main distributing centre is still to be located. Detectives believe that most of the labels were printed before the war.

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CRICKET NOTES

Argumentative Points Crop Up In Game On Saturday

How Long Must Fielder Hold Ball For A Catch

CAN BATSMAN PLAY BALL AND STILL BE L.B.W.?

By "Adrem"

CRICKET WAS PLAYED fairly extensively on Saturday and the season can now be said to be well under way, with some good matches in the offing for which to look forward.

The two big games on Saturday were those at Kowloon between the senior elevens of Kowloon Cricket Club and Recreio, and the Club-I.R.C. game at Chater Road.

One or two points that arose from the former match provide interesting argument if nothing else.

One of them is the length of time a fielder is required to hold a ball in order to catch a batsman. On Saturday Ernie Fincher ran in and held a ball from L. G. Gosano a few inches off the ground. He then staggered forward, off balance, and his hand touched the ground with the ball underneath. The umpire adjudged Gosano to be out but there was some discussion in the pavilion afterwards as to whether Fincher had had the ball in his hand long enough.

On this point Wisdens says: "If the ball, from a stroke of the bat or the hand, but not the wrist, be held before it touch the ground, although it be hugged to the body of the catcher,—caught."

In this case Fincher definitely did hold the ball, in that his hand closed over it, so the umpire would seem to have ruled correctly.

Other Point

The other point which cropped up referred to the l.b.w. rule and is one that has been a source of worry to one of the most prominent cricketers in K.C.C. for some seasons. On Saturday Ozorio was given out l.b.w., to a ball which he had played. Whether or not the umpire was aware of the fact that it had been played is not known.

The contention of the cricketer mentioned above, however, is that even if the ball is played, as long as the umpire believes the ball would have hit the wicket in conformity with the l.b.w. rule the batsman is out.

His argument is based on the fact that in the rule covering l.b.w., no mention is made of a batsman being not out if the ball is first played and in Special Instructions for First-Class Umpires in Inter-County Matches 1939 it states specifically that "The Striker shall not be given out l.b.w., if the ball has touched his bat or hand before hitting his person," and so the suggestion is that in ordinary cricket the striker should be given out!

I will reproduce the l.b.w. rule for those who are not familiar with its wording:—

"If with any part of his person (except his hand) which is between wicket and wicket he (the

batsman) intercept a ball, which in the opinion of the umpire at the bowler's wicket, shall have been pitched in a straight line from the bowler's wicket to the striker's wicket or shall have been pitched on the off-side of the striker's wicket and would have hit it.—Leg Before Wicket."

It is true that the foregoing does not state specifically that the batsman is not out if he plays the ball before it strikes his person but a subsequent law provides for him to guard his wicket after having played the ball and it could always be argued, as in the case of Ozorio, that having played the ball he realised it was going on to his wicket which he "guarded" with his pad. Of course we know that it is impossible for a man, however bright he may be, to make judgments as fast as that but for the purpose of legal argument the rule is there and covers him. Here it is:

"If the ball be struck, or be stopped by any part of his person and he wilfully strike it, again except it be done for the purpose of guarding his wicket, which he may do with his bat or any part of his person, except his hand.—Hit the Ball Twice."

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB TEAMS

The following will represent Kowloon at cricket on Saturday:

Versus "Royal" Scots (Home):—S. A. Gray (Capt.), E. Curtis, G. A. V. Hall, R. T. Fenton, H. Brokenshire, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, W. Parsons, G. A. Goodban, B. D. Lay, F. J. Lay, Umpire, H. Overy; Score, T. W. Carr.

Versus "Police" (Away):—D. Hung, W. L. Rapley, A. Zimmern, J. R. Luke, W. Mills, F. Crabbe, J. W. Bertram, G. W. Giffen, T. O. Morgan, L. R. Burch, R. Leigh.

SUNDAY

Versus Army (Home) at 11 a.m.:—E. C. Fincher (Capt.), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, N. A. E. Mackay, D. Hung, W. L. Rapley, A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, R. T. Broadbridge, R. Baldwin, S. A. Gray, Umpire, J. P. Robinson; Scorer, T. W. Carr.

Tom Yawkey, owner of the Red Sox, is against hits and errors being flashed on the scoreboard. Yawkey claims such information makes players too base-hit conscious and takes their minds off the game. He has forbidden the innovation at Fenway Park.

GAIRDNER SHINES IN RUGBY TRIAL

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

CLUB'S RUGBY TRIAL YESTERDAY, HANDICAPPED BY A LATE START AND A SLIGHTLY SLIPPERY BALL, WAS NOT QUITE THE SUCCESS ANTICIPATED.

Players not on view were Bidwell, Stout, Stark, Redman, Thomas, Moore, Jones and Needham (who is a sunburn victim), while Gairdner, Davies, Lee and Wilson were the only reserves to turn out.

Of the few newcomers I liked Clemo's service from the base of the scrum, and he appears certain to fill the scrum-half position in all "A" matches. He is a product of Bedford School. Davies looks promising, but has not settled down as yet.

Gairdner played a robust game in Stripes' pack and a place should be found for him among the first fifteen forwards. His weight would be invaluable in the second row. Hackett gave a much more promising display than ever he did last season, and it would not surprise me in the least to see him playing in the second row on Saturday.

Stripes opened the scoring when Aitkenhead broke through and needlessly passed to Charter, who went over in the corner. Charter failed to convert and the interval arrived with Stripes leading 3-0. In the second half Davies, who changed places with Day, went into Whites' pack to allow Taylor to come out into the back division and Dunnett changed places with Castleton.

Bosanquet, Stewart, Thomson, as the result of a perfect cut through, Bosanquet, who evaded five players in a dazzling run, and Stewart scored between the posts, and the only kick taken, after Thomson's score, was by Castleton (of Whites), who failed dismally from in front of the posts.

Teams were:

STRIPES—Thompson; Stewart, Davies, Charter and Bosanquet; Aitkenhead and Thomson; Lee, Castleton, Mooney, Gairdner, Benn, Birt and Dalziel.

COLOURS—Wilson, Carruthers, Day and Van Leeuwen; Morgan and Clemo; Heasman, Dunnett, McCrea, Kennedy, Hackett, Taylor and Godfrey.

Easy Win For Police

In a friendly Rugby game at Boundary Street yesterday Police beat 5th A.A. Battery, Royal Artillery, by five tries (15 points) to nil.

Howlett, the soccer player, played a good game at back for Police, while Taylor was the pick of the threequarters. Wall was outstanding in a sound pack.

The Gunners played well, but they ruined many chances by being offside. Heath played a very good game at forward.

Taylor (2), Wall (2) and Oakley scored unconverted tries for Police.

Club Teams

Club teams selected to meet Army on Saturday are:

1st XV—Thompson; Bosanquet, Charter, Day and Stewart; Aitkenhead and Thomson; Heasman, Dunnett, Kennedy, Hackett, Gairdner, Godfrey, Taylor and McCrea.

"A" XV—Hopkins; Wilson, Carruthers, Jones and van Leeuwen; Morgan and Clemo; Stout, Castleton, Lee; Benn, Moodie, Davies, Birt and Thomas.

Only criticism to offer is Aitkenhead at stand-off in place of Charter. Day is playing in place of Bidwell and Dunnett deserves his promotion on yesterday's showing and in the absence of Burford.

V.R.C. INQUIRY INTO SOUTH CHINA PROTEST

By "Adrem"

THE BREAKING of a 27 year-old record was not the only sensational happening in the Annual Harbour Race this year. Yesterday saw the culmination of another, the rejection of protest by the South China Athletic Association against alleged intentional obstruction by J. Marques, of V.R.C. against Miss Lee Po-luen, who finished second to Miss Celeste Guterres, who also established a record.

Throughout the long history of the harbour race there has never been a parallel case and it is unfortunate from every point of view that it should have cropped up.

An Inquiry held at Victoria Recreation Club, under whose auspices the harbour race is swum, yesterday found Marques guilty of neither intention nor fouling and he was exonerated.

I don't propose to discuss yesterday's hearing or to produce fully the evidence on both sides but I will say that as the "court" was constituted argument would have gone on all night without any progress being made had not Mr. Barretto called a halt at about 7:30.

It was apparent that nothing would shake members of both sides from their convictions and there was no point in going further.

A brief summing up of the hearing is as follows:—Miss Lee said that a few minutes after diving off from Kowloon she felt someone pulling her leg and, turning round saw Marques. About half-way across the harbour she was obstructed by a sampan in which there were some people shouting to Marques and Miss Guterres. Questioned later she stated that she thought the sampan was deliberately blocking her although she admitted that there were only sampan people on board.

Miss Lee was rather doubtful as to the positions of the various swimmers on approaching the ramp which extends beyond the V.R.C. clubhouse but maintained that as she approached the ramp she was in front of Marques and Miss Guterres. On breasting the ramp she alleged that Marques swam across her several times forcing her to change her course and she arrived at the seawall three and a half strokes (breast) behind Miss Guterres.

Miss Lee said she had no doubt that Marques deliberately obstructed her.

Other witnesses provided little evidence of value as their stories tallied on very few points and argument occurred frequently between them as to the positions of the swimmers at various stages. There appears to be little doubt, however, that Marques did obstruct Miss Lee at least once.

Although it was irrelevant, Mr. Barretto, to satisfy Miss Guterres' supporters that she had won on merit, established that Miss Guterres actually gained on Miss Lee from the time they turned into the straight and there was no suggestion of obstruction.

From my own viewpoint, I think South China were at fault in bringing a charge in that it placed Miss Lee, after all little more than a child, in a most unenviable position at the inquiry; Miss Lee herself gave evidence in a very unsatisfactory manner—her suggestion that Marques pulled her leg "a few seconds after the start" being ridiculous and her contention that a sampan, with only the crew on board, deliberately blocked her, savouring of an obstruction complex; her description of the incidents at the finish were so vague as to tell little or nothing.

Other witnesses, although they were doubtful when pinned down to give descriptions of the exact positions of the swimmers when the alleged incidents occurred, were obviously sincere and, as there was no argument from the defence when it was stated that

there were shouts (to Marques) of "keep out", from the V.R.C. clubhouse) it can be accepted that obstruction did take place.

Marques denied knowledge of obstruction so the question of intention did not arise. I certainly believed him when he said he had "pulled no legs on his way over." I also agreed with him when he said that if he had wanted to obstruct he would not have been so mad as to have done it—as alleged by South China—just after the start and just before the finish, and it does seem incredible that anyone would wittingly do what Marques was alleged to have done in full view of hundreds of people.

In conclusion therefore one must sympathise with Miss Lee and South China for natural disappointment at having lost a race—whether Marques' unintentional—for that we must call it—obstruction would have made any difference was proved to be extremely doubtful; we must also sympathise with Marques for being given a great deal of undesirable publicity through over-zealousness in his task of "keeping an eye" on Miss Guterres, but to try and prove either intentional fault or innocence from all blame is something it would take a Solomon to decide and so the whole subject is best forgotten. One thing is certain Marques will have learned to be less thoroughless in the future.

INTERPORT ALL FIXED

By "Adrem"

Landing permits from the local Police authorities having been secured yesterday for the visiting Swimming Interport team, and information to this effect having been cabled to Manila, there is now nothing to do but wait for the arrival of the Manillans.

I was informed by Miss A. O. Barretto last night that a party of 22 swimmers—14 men and 8 women—were expected on a Japanese liner on Tuesday and the Interport contest would be decided over three days—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Times for starting would be 6.07 p.m. for the first two days and 9.07 p.m. on the Friday.

Prices of admission to reserved seats will be \$2.20 for the first two days and \$3.30 for the third day, with season tickets costing \$7. A limited number of these tickets are now available and may be purchased at the clubhouse.

The Interport dinner will take place on Saturday starting at 8 p.m. and, I understand, the Manillans will be leaving for home the following day.

COLOURS AWARDED TO UNIVERSITY ATHLETES

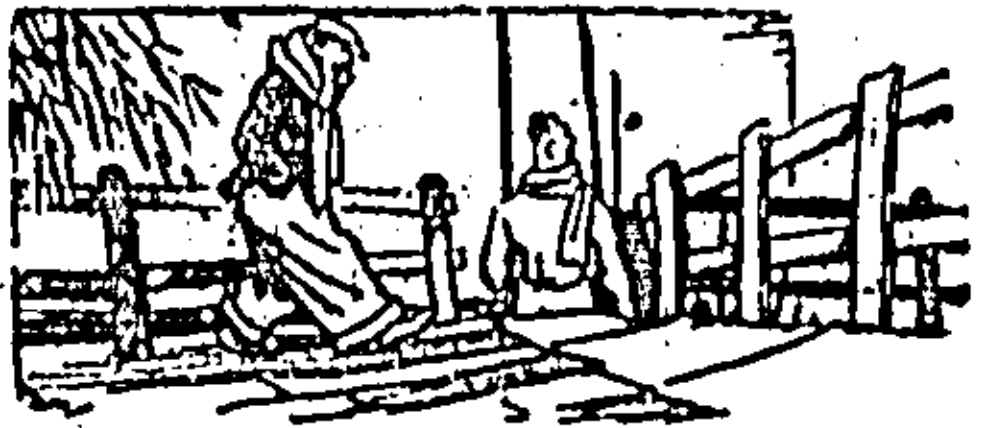
Colours have been awarded a number of Hong Kong University undergraduates who represented the University in the athletic meet against Lingnan on October 10.

Colours have been awarded to V. Zaltzoff, J. Fenton, Frederick Kwai, E. Mazura, B. Singh, T. T. Chin, G. Schiller, N. Singh, T. B. Wang, C. C. Chen, P. K. Cheng, O. V. Cheung, and Miles K. Grant, C. Kotewall, B. Greaves, A. Safford and S. Patushinsky.

The University Badminton Club has awarded badminton colours to Miss Cheng Khoo, H. F. Chow, S. L. Yung and M. S. Lim.

The University Swimming Club has awarded swimming colours to Charles Huang, W. S. Gegg and Miss Peggy Ma.

DOCTOR CLAIMS SUGAR HELPS GOLF PLAYERS



WHILE FIRST CLASS and International standard golf naturally depends largely on expert use of the clubs, it also depends to a large extent on the degree of sugar content in the blood of a golfer, according to a study just completed by Dr. Paul Michael, of Oakland City, California.

In his report to the American Medical Association, Dr. Michael submitted that if a golfer carried fewer spare balls around the course with him and replaced them with a supply of sugar to eat while playing, his scores would be greatly improved.

Tests Made By Doctor

A series of tests were made on 30 golfers ranging from 30 to 45 years of age and possessing handicaps of 10 to 27. The eating of sugar during their playing enabled them to reduce their handicaps considerably. The tests were conducted by taking average golfers, letting them start their round after lunch and taking a blood sample after each hole. As far as possible the studies were performed under normal conditions, with the exception that they were not permitted to smoke during the tests. These tests showed that the sugar content in their blood reached its height when players were at the fifth hole. At the seventh hole the sugar level was on the decline, and from the 11th to the 15th it was so low that the men might not have had their lunch, the survey showed.

Sugar, according to Dr. Michael, which is quickly absorbed, creates energy, which instead of being stored up as some other elements are, is quickly expended and needs constant replenishing when more than the usual amount of energy is being called upon.

It is suggested that candy or sugar be taken after the seventh hole, which will relieve fatigue, create new energy and rounds into form both muscles and nerves for continuing the successful fight against high handicaps.

DEMPSEY SAYS "COMEBACK" ONLY HIS JOKE

Jack Dempsey's "comeback" attempts are over. In Montreal on a recent visit Dempsey finally confessed that his recent fights were more in fun than anything else.

The 45-year-old ex-heavyweight champion said he would stick to refereeing as far as ring activities for him were concerned, for 45 is too old for fighting.

"I guess maybe I've been a little foolish about this comeback stuff," he said in an interview. "I'm too old to make a comeback. All my friends have been telling me I'd better quit before I get hurt and I guess maybe they're right."

Dempsey claimed that he was still in good physical shape and said he thought he could "lick some of those bums" that are fighting now, but that that was beside the point. He never intended to try a comeback and the whole thing was just a joke.

"Somebody suggested I fight this Cowboy Luttrell after we'd had a bit of an argument over a wrestling bout I was refereeing, so I decided what the hell. I'd fight anybody just for the fun of it. So I fought this guy Luttrell. Then the offers started to pour in and what could I do but accept them. It was picking up money and who's going to turn down easy dough?" he said.—Reuter.

JIMMY BRADDOCK TRYING COMEBACK

Boxing fans in Kansas City were unanimous last week in predicting that Jimmy Braddock, former heavyweight king, would not go very far in his comeback campaign.

Braddock last night swapped punches with Jack Lingue of San Antonio, Tex., in a four-round exhibition bout, and at the end of the fight, fans agreed that Jim was but a shadow of his former self.

YACHTING RESULTS

Jean (C. J. Tarr) won yesterday's mixed classes yacht race held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club over 9.2 miles.

Yacht	Finished	Sailed by	
Jean	4.32.37	(C. J. Tarr)	1
Joss	4.33.59	(G. E. Neve)	2
Gull	4.35.17	(A. O. C. Mills)	3
Iosobel	4.36.28½	(R. L. Berridge)	4
Konta	4.38.51½	(Mrs. M. Johnson)	5
Zephyr	4.40.54	(W. A. Ingram)	6
Wendy	D. N. F.		
Alla	D. N. F.		

course in one minute 2-1-2 seconds.

It was the second time this season that Ward had broken the world record for this class of motorboat. In 1936 he drove the same craft to a world record of 55.396 m.p.h. and in July he raised it to 56.692 m.p.h. at Havre de Grace, Maryland.

NEW WORLD MOTORBOAT RECORD

George B. Ward, Jr., of Wilmington, Delaware, drove his Class runabout motorboat Hi-Ho II to a new world record of 57.60 m.p.h. at St. Michaels, Maryland, when he covered a measure mile

CAPABLANCA ANXIOUS TO PLAY AGAINST ALEKHINE FOR TITLE

Jose R. Capablanca, of Cuba, who held the chess championship of the world for seven years, has arrived in New York anxious for another series for the title with Dr. Alexander Alekhine. However, since the fall of France to the Germans, Dr. Alekhine's whereabouts are unknown over here, the last that was heard of him being shortly before the fall of Paris, when efforts by him to arrange a chess exhibition under the National Chess Centre in London failed.

Dr. Alekhine had become a French citizen as a Russian expatriate following the accession to power of the Soviets. Until a few years ago he was a welcome visitor to German chess circles, having defeated E. D. Bogoljubow, another Russian expatriate. Capablanca, who is to remain

ATTEMPT TO JAPONISE BASEBALL MEETS SNAGS

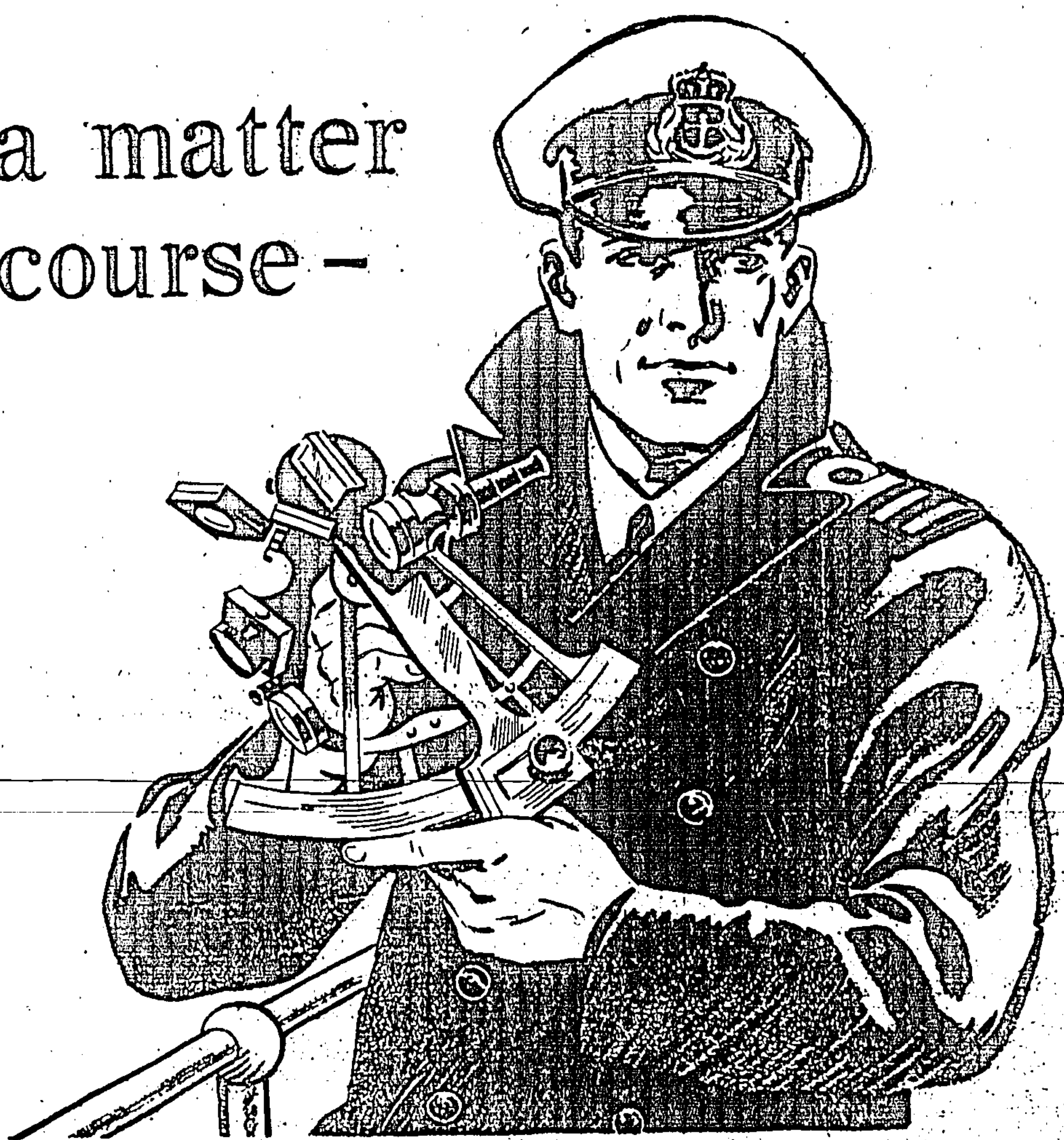
The movement to Japonise baseball by shedding all English words and phrases pertaining to the game, has struck a serious snag, the "Asahi" reports. Baseball moguls in Japan are stumped in their search for the Japanese equivalents for "safe" and "out."

Two of the leading professional nines are going ahead with the programme, however. As a first step in the right direction, they have dropped their English, and are adopting Japanese names.

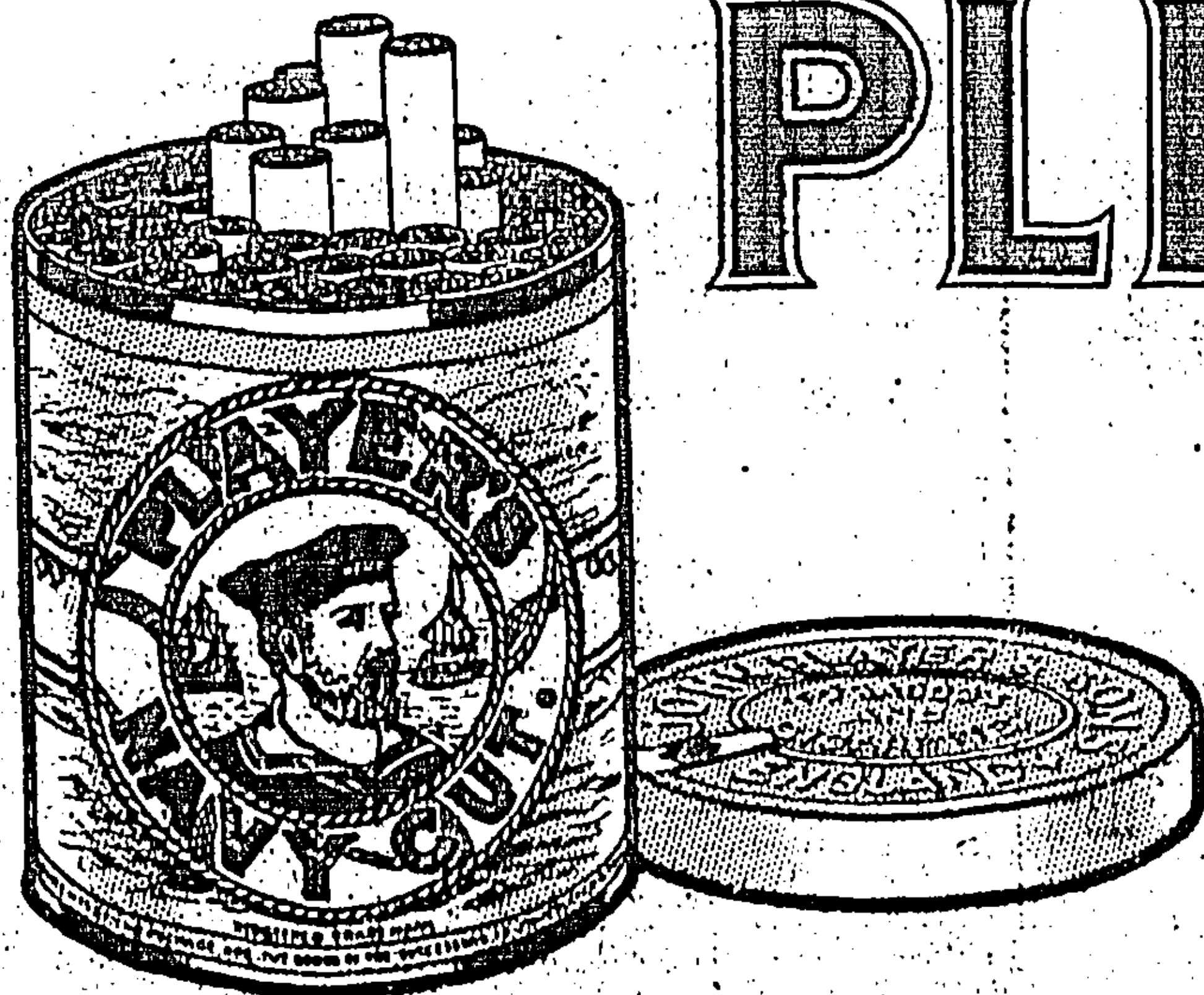
Thus, the Tigers have become the Keihin-gun, or Tokyo-Yokohama team, while the Eagles have become the team of Wild Eagles, or Arawashi-gun.—Havas.

In New York for some time, is hopeful that it may be possible to arrange a match with Dr. Alekhine at some future date, provided the latter is available and amenable to the idea.—Reuter.

As a matter
of course -



PLAYER'S PLEASE



"It's the
Tobacco that
Counts"

AFTER NIGHT FURY

Little Hun Air Activity In Daylight Yesterday

MOSLEM DAY OF PRAYER

All branches of the Moslem League throughout the Punjab have been instructed to observe November 1 as a special day of prayer for the safety, integrity and independence of Islamic countries. —Reuter.

YOUNG AMERICA REGISTERS

Throughout the United States yesterday young America registered at the rate of over a million an hour for possible service with the United States first peacetime draft for the Army.

Park Avenue millionaires joined Bowery tramps in New York as men between the ages of 21 and 35 queued up to obey the Conscription Law.

Two of President Roosevelt's sons, John and Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., were among those who signed on. — Reuter.

London Left Severely Alone

THERE WAS HARDLY any enemy air activity over Britain yesterday, according to reports received hitherto, states a communique issued by the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security.

Bombs were reported only in one coast town in Scotland and at one point in the West Country. No damage or casualties were reported.

While full particulars are not yet available it seems clear that despite the widespread and quite wanton bombing of civilians in London on Tuesday night, the number of killed, though larger than in recent raids, was considered less than the earlier raids of last month.

Yesterday morning an enemy float plane was shot down by Coastal Command fighters. — Reuter.

JAPAN BUYS HEAVILY

American exports to Japan were more than doubled during the month of August, with the dollar value amounting to \$25,188,000 or \$13 million more than in August, 1939, according to figures issued by the Department of Commerce in Washington yesterday.

Exports for the first eight months of 1940 amounted to \$147,497,000, approximately \$12 million over the comparable period last year. — Reuter.

BALANCE OF AMBULANCE FUND IN ONE DONATION

The balance of the sum needed to meet the cost of Hong Kong's first ambulance for use in England has been contributed by Mr. A. ("Jimmy") Landau, of Jimmy's Kitchen.

Mr. Landau read the announcement in the "China Mail" yesterday that \$5,127 has been received for the special object of supplying ambulances and that the total cost of "HONG KONG I" was \$5,800.

It is Mr. Landau's birthday tomorrow. He will be 68 and he has contributed, through the "China Mail" to whom he handed his cheque this morning, \$10 for every year of his age, \$680.

This is sufficient to meet the balance to cover the purchase of the first ambulance and to start the second on its way.

THE 'CHAOS' OF LONDON SEEN IN LIGHT OF DAY

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Smoke was rising from one of London's biggest electric power stations but it was coming from chimneys and workmen were just emerging from their lunch.

Business As Usual

I stopped at a roadside cafe for a quick lunch. The milkman and baker had called but the proprietor had words with the butcher, who was half an hour late.

Mothers passed with shopping bags. Dockland was far from dead.

In the City, businesses and banks were carrying on as usual.

Tails Up

All over the dozen London districts I toured there was evidence of bomb damage, old and new; but what struck me was that Londoners had got the measure of the latest attack on their homes as quickly as they did in the first mass attack in September and those every night since, and were hard at work putting matters straight or carrying on with their ordinary work. — Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

Hundreds of high-powered trucks are waiting ready to start along the Burma road when the ban on the transport of arms into China is lifted to-day, according to reports received from Lashio, near the Burma-China border.

Transport workers are employed day and night loading lorries. The rains having abated, the road is now in good condition and moonlight will help the trucks to maintain a good speed along the 700-mile highway to Yunnanfu. — Reuter.

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CYCLONIC GALE HITS BOMBAY

The worst storm within living memory struck Bombay in the early hours of yesterday morning.

At 3 p.m. (Bombay time) the streets were still comparatively deserted and many of the most important streets were closed to traffic.

Dwellings facing the sea have been blown flat. Much wreckage has been washed ashore and it is feared that loss of life in coastal craft must have been heavy.

The gale was still blowing after ten hours. A number of trees were uprooted and hurled across roads, disturbing traffic.

Falling trees and collapsing walls killed one and injured about 60. — Reuter.

NAZIS GET TO WORK IN RUMANIA

Coinciding with heavier German demands for oil and the despatch of war materials in return, 65 Rumanian passenger trains, many of which run on important main lines, were to be suspended from midnight last night until the end of the month.

Official reason for this measure is to make way for goods traffic employed in transporting supplies for internal needs which have long been delayed owing to military requisitions.

The staff of a German naval mission, meanwhile, has arrived in Bucharest. — Reuter.

FURTHER U.S.-SOVIET EXCHANGES

M. OUMANSKY, SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, CONFERRED FOR AN HOUR WITH MR. SUMNER WELLES, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

Although he declined to discuss his visit it is believed it was in continuation of the conversations started last week and designed to improve Russo-American relations. — Reuter.

CAMMEL LAIRD CHAIRMAN KILLED IN RAID

Mr. W. L. Hichens, Chairman of the great shipping firm, Messrs. Cammel Laird, a director of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway and other large industrial concerns and a member of the Carnegie New York Trust, has been killed in an air raid on London. He was 66 years of age. — Reuter.

RUMANIA TO BE BLOCKADED

A Member of Parliament suggested yesterday that as Germany now dominates Rumania, that country should be included in the Allied blockade.

Mr. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, agreed that Rumania was under the economic domination of Germany.

The British Government has ceased to maintain normal trade relations with Rumania since it became apparent that Rumania was becoming increasingly under German domination, stated Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. — Reuter.

ITALIANS HIT H.M.S. LIVERPOOL

The British cruiser, Liverpool, has been damaged in the Mediterranean by enemy torpedo-carrying aircraft.

The Admiralty stated yesterday that Liverpool was returning to her base after operations in the Mediterranean when the attack was made, and she is now safely in port. Casualties were not heavy.

Announcement of the damage

Reuter Tour After Night Of German Savagery

I FOUND INDUSTRIAL AND PRIVATE LIFE THROBBING AS STRONGLY AS EVER, WRITES A REUTER SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT AFTER A TWO-HOUR TOUR OF LONDON ON BOTH SIDES OF THE THAMES YESTERDAY.

German bombers which raided the capital the previous night had succeeded in laying low a bit more of this vast sprawling city and its suburbs but the "unprecedented chaos" and "paralysis of services for some time to come" claimed by Berlin I saw was a hollow boast.

I hailed a taxi from the pool of road transport which with the railways had brought all London to work as usual long before lunch. We were held up hardly 15 minutes before starting the tour while taxis, buses, trams and lorries straightened themselves out in this busy corner of central London.

The jam was no worse than in pre-war days and was the longest wait I experienced. At the first main line terminus I reached by way of diversions which sent the taximeter up only 1/- above the normal fare, trains were running normally.

There was a small colony of people, mostly women and children evacuating from freshly damaged homes.

A railway official commented: "The crowd is no bigger than usual."

Normal Trains

From a night porter in a suburban section of the station I learned that there was no interference with the morning's business trains.

Elsewhere broken walls, gaps in the road and scattered glass told of a attack of bombs which had fallen in the neighbourhood. Squads of workmen were busy cleaning up the mess.

Blackened hosepipes ringed an area half a mile square. Two solitary fire engines passed on their return to station.

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ALL QUIET

"All fronts quiet" stated a communique issued by G.H.Q. in Cairo yesterday, reports Reuter.

was withheld until it was known that Liverpool had reached her base. — Reuter.

GERMAN CONVOY DESTROYED

A German convoy of three supply ships, with the two escort vessels accompanying them, has been destroyed.

The Admiralty communique giving this news does not locate the scene of action.

One merchant vessel, it is officially stated, was of about 7,000 tons. One of the others, which were small, exploded before sinking.

Another German vessel of about 7,000 tons, adds the communique, was successfully attacked. It was hit with three torpedoes. — Reuter.



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JAPAN DISCONCERTED

Discovers Limits To American Tolerance

New-Found Prudence

AMERICANS ARE coming to realise the dangers with which the progress of the Dictators threatened their own continent, says the London "Times" in a leader on President Roosevelt's Columbus Day broadcast.

With this realisation, says the paper, grows the conviction that the most effective method of preventing aggression leaping across the oceans is to help those who are keeping it at bay in Europe and the Far East.

CONGRESS CAMPAIGN BEGINNING

THE INDIVIDUAL CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE CAMPAIGN DECIDED ON BY THE INDIAN CONGRESS PARTY WILL BE INAUGURATED TO-DAY. IT IS UNDERSTOOD IN WARDHA.

Mr. Gandhi is understood to be intimating to the district magistrate at Nagpur that Vinoba—a humble member of the Mahatma's ashram (seminary)—will open the campaign with an anti-war speech this morning at the village of Pannar, seven miles from Nagpur. Mr. Gandhi will not be present. —Reuter.

JAPAN WITHDRAWING GARRISONS

Japanese garrisons along the Shanghai-Nanking and Hangchow-Nanking Railway Lines are being replaced with Wang Chingwei's puppet troops, according to Chinese reports in Shanghai. It is stated that there are at present some 30,000 Japanese regulars posted along these two lines.—Our Own Correspondent.

Turning to the Japan-Axis pact, the paper says opinion in Japan has been disconcerted by the reaction to the agreement which the Japanese militarists imagined would stop Americans from continuing to give practical effect to their sympathy with China.

People there are now beginning to realise there are limits to American tolerance and are making cautious efforts to persuade the United States that the pact with Germany and Italy does not mean what it was obviously intended to mean.

It is much to be hoped that this new-found prudence will not be confined to words but will have a sobering effect on the Japanese military commanders in China who for years past had a greater influence in determining Japanese policy than the diplomats and statesmen in Tokyo. —Reuter.

LONG CHASE FOR \$10,000

Snatching a bag containing \$10,000 from an elderly man in Lockhart Road yesterday, an unemployed Chinese was arrested by a constable after a long chase in the Wanchai district. The intended victim was returning home after drawing the money from a bank in town when the incident occurred.

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STRIKE EXTENSION FEARS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

While the tram and bus strike in the French Concession remains deadlocked fresh fears arose following a demonstration staged when strikers mobbed a trolley-bus and a bus in the International Settlement.

There is apprehension that the labour trouble may again spread to the transport companies in the Settlement.

It is understood that several ring-leaders of the French tramway strike tried to urge Settlement bus and tram employees to stop work, warning them that in case of refusal to comply with the request they would have to face the consequences.—Havas.

MR. EDEN IN EGYPT

Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for War, has arrived in Egypt.

This was announced yesterday in London where it is understood that Mr. Eden will have conversations with General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East.

Mr. Eden will also visit contingents of the British Allied troops in the Middle East.—Reuter.

COST OF LIVING IN JAPAN DROPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

After rising steadily for 18 months the cost of living in Japan dropped 1.9 per cent in September, the Cabinet statistics bureau in Tokyo announces.

The drop is considered a direct result of the Government's effort to lower commodity prices. Provisions dropped 4.4 per cent in cost through the establishment of official prices.

Clothing costs, however, continued the upward trend, rising eight per cent, while fuel costs rose two per cent.—Havas.

YUGOSLAVIA AND DANUBE

A committee has been formed in Yugoslavia on which the Commander-in-Chief of the Yugoslav forces is represented, to take necessary measures to protect navigation on the Yugoslav section of the Danube, Belgrade radio stated yesterday.

The measures are authorised by a decree just passed by the Council of Ministers.—Reuter.

DUNKIRK SHELLED BY NAVY

Fires were seen and it is considered that considerable damage was done, when British naval units bombarded Dunkirk on Tuesday night, states an Admiralty communiqué.—Reuter.

CARRIER PIGEONS FOR ESPIONAGE

Italian agents are believed to be using carrier-pigeons to communicate with the enemy, states an Egyptian military decree in Cairo yesterday. The Egyptian people are therefore called on to hand over to the authorities any pigeons resembling carrier-pigeons.—Reuter.

TRADE FOR FREE FRENCH COLONIES

Britain is bringing trade to French colonies that have joined General de Gaulle.

From the French Cameroons, Britain is buying more than one-third of the total cocoa crop, more than half the coffee crop and large quantities of agricultural produce and timber.

Condition of purchase is that merchants selling these stocks must take the equivalent purchases from producers.

Britain has also undertaken to buy the whole of the Cameroons 1940/41 cocoa crop and will also buy existing stocks of Chad cotton and is arranging to buy the next crop. Certain necessary supplies are being imported with British help.—Reuter.

BRITISH AIRMEN INTERNED

A British plane landed near Gaellivare, northern Lapland, yesterday morning after being fired at by Swedish anti-aircraft guns.

Communique from the Swedish General Staff, announcing this, says the plane and crew of two have been interned.

The communique stated that a German seaplane which flew over Swedish waters off the coast of southern Scania was driven off by the air defences.

On Tuesday, several flights over Swedish territory were made by foreign planes. German planes were seen off the coast of Scania and Bohuslaen where a British plane flew over Swedish territory.—Reuter.

RAID IN PRINCE EDWARD RD.

What is alleged to have been an illegal radio receiving and transmitting station was raided on Tuesday night.

Police raided the first floor of No. 93, Prince Edward Road at about 9 p.m. and found wireless apparatus and certain papers.

The tenant was arrested and, following inquiries, three others were detained yesterday.

It is understood they will be charged to-day at the Kowloon Magistracy.

JAPAN LOSES THIS GAME OF POLITICAL POKER

IT IS UNPLEASANT for Japan when the United States supports words with deeds and gives signs of backing up Britain, said the Gothenburg newspaper "Gotposten" yesterday.

Japan, the paper adds, knows the U.S.A. urged Britain no longer to give way on the Burma road.

There are some opponents of an American entry into the war in Europe but they are considerably reduced when the matter concerns active stewardship of American interests in the Far East.

Every Japanese act of aggression helps President Roosevelt's policy.

Tokyo must see that the help Japan can reckon on from her allies so long as England is unbeaten is plus minus nothing.

Japan can play the game of political poker. She bluffed cleverly as usual but has lost the game this time.

Lengthening Chain

It seems England and the United States should feel themselves encouraged to continue on the path taken. As long as China fights, Japan drags a lengthening chain from which she cannot be free to fulfil her great plans in the East Indies.

If China gets sufficient help Japan sooner or later will reach final collapse and will be forced to abandon the whole expedition.—Reuter.

METAL FROM PALACE

Saucepans and frying-pans were among the aluminium utensils from Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and Sandringham which were given to the Women's Voluntary Service.

In one big box were aluminium pieces taken by Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret from the little house which was given to Princess Elizabeth some years ago by the people of Wales.

BACON FOR FRAUEN

Confirmation of the report that some German women had been without bacon so long that they did not know how to cook it is given in Goebbels' own newspaper, "Der Angriff." This states: "Bacon: The German housewife will quickly get used to this new kind of meat. If the bacon is to be fried, it should be soaked in water beforehand."

Ever-Increasing Weight Of R.A.F. Raids On Germany

Kiel Dockyard Pounded For Over Four Hours

SQUARE HIT ON OIL REFINERY

An R.A.F. pilot who was busy bombing an oil refinery in Germany on Monday night said yesterday that when flying over the Ruhr they could see railway bridges and viaducts below them and even pick out the streets.

A railway line runs right alongside the oil refinery and the R.A.F. machines ran directly over it, dropping the first stick of bombs from south to north.

As they turned round, they saw that their bombs had landed right on the target.

There was no doubt about it, because 30 seconds later there was a big explosion, followed a minute or two later by a great upheaval and a shower of sparks.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS

THE MEETING OF PARTY LEADERS SUMMONED BY MR. R. G. MENZIES, THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIER, TO DISCUSS METHODS OF FORMING A STABLE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE ELECTION IM-PASSE, ADJOURNED LAST NIGHT WITHOUT HAVING REACHED ANY DECISION. THEY WILL MEET AGAIN ON MONDAY.

Mr. Menzies issued a statement that the talks were purely exploratory.

Reuter learns authoritatively that the party managers conference will on Monday receive a reply from Mr. Menzies to a proposal put by Mr. Curtin, Leader of the Labour Party, that the Government should indicate points of Labour policy it would be prepared to adopt if some form of cooperation through a national government or national war cabinet be found acceptable to the opposition.—Reuter.

EAT MORE GRAPES CAMPAIGN

Hotels and restaurants in Spain are to serve grapes as dessert for at least one meal daily.

A decree to this effect was issued in Madrid yesterday by Senor Sener, Minister of Interior. It is hoped to dispose of some of the production of Almeria grapes, foreign trade in which at present is paralysed.

They were formally one of Spain's most valuable exports.—Reuter.

GREECE CALLS EXPERTS TO COLOURS

Greece has called a number of engineers and communication specialists to the Colours.—Reuter.

THE EFFORT OF EIGHT German fighters to harass British Blenheim bombers of the Coastal Command while they were raiding Flushing and Terneuzen on Tuesday night were unsuccessful.

The Air Ministry news service says the Messerschmidts were driven off with machine-gun fire or evaded, and bombing was carried out with the utmost effect.

Lock gates and fuel stores were among the principal targets. The flare path of an aerodrome above which enemy aircraft were observed circling was bombed before the lights could be extinguished.

Two power stations at Lorient naval base were the main points of attack by other formations of Blenheims.

Fleet Air Arm aircraft operating with the Coastal Command dropped large calibre bombs on harbour works and shipping at Brest.

Hudson aircraft were active on the Dutch coast and bombed the inner harbour at Willemsoord and enemy destroyers off Texel.—Reuter.

Increasing Scale

The ever increasing scale of the R.A.F. offensive against the enemy is shown by further details from the Air Ministry of Tuesday-Wednesday night's attacks by British bombers, particularly against military objectives and communications in Germany itself.

The R.A.F. raid on Kiel lasted four hours. Tons of bombs were dropped in an almost continuous series of attacks.

Direct hits were scored on the jetty of the torpedo-boat harbour and the Marine Academy.

Shipyard Hits

The Deutsche Werft yards and dockyards south-east of the main jetty were repeatedly straddled and a line of heavy bombs burst along the western border of the Germania shipyard.

One salvo started a huge oil fire, having apparently struck fuel stores and trucks.

Besides bombing oil refineries and stores at Hamburg, Sarzbergen and Gersenskirchen the R.A.F. also bombed Hamburg and Duisburg docks and attacked targets at Grevenbroich, Cologne, Schonebek, Neuhaldensleben and Duesseldorf.—Reuter.

Clear Visibility

Monday night's bombing attack on an oil refinery at Bohlen began in weather which one of the R.A.F. bomber pilots described as filthy but which improved so quickly on the journey that he had never known visibility to be so clear on any of his previous raids.

"Over the Ruhr, for instance, we could see factory chimneys, railway bridges and viaducts. One could even pick out streets in towns over which we passed. We had a good look at Leipzig to make quite certain it was Leipzig and then flew south towards the oil refinery at Bohlen."

A flare which we dropped hampered rather than helped us because of the glare of it on the slight haze on the ground. In any case the moon was bright enough to show us all we wanted to see. There was a railway running right alongside our objective and we ran practically dead over the line dropping our bombs in one stick from south to north over the target.

Amazed Everybody

As we turned round we saw our bombs burst right on the target. There was no doubt about it for about thirty seconds after

FULL SCALE AIR SUPPORT FOR ARMY

LORD SNELL, SPEAKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT, YESTERDAY INFORMED LORD TRENCARD IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS WHERE THE LATTER RAISED THE QUESTION THAT, THOUGH AIR SUPPORT FOR A MODERN ARMY WAS VITAL AND THE OPINION HAD BEEN EXPRESSED IN CERTAIN QUARTERS THAT THIS NEED COULD BEST BE MET BY THE CREATION OF A SEPARATE AIR FORCE AT THE EXCLUSIVE DISPOSAL OF THE ARMY, THIS WAS NOT THE CONSIDERED VIEW EITHER OF THE AIR STAFF OR THE GENERAL STAFF.

The need for ensuring full scale air support for the Army was fully appreciated by the Air Ministry and War Office and was engaging their continual attention.

Lord Snell said the experience of the last five months gave good grounds for claiming that the proved British aptitude for war at sea was having added to it an equally outstanding aptitude for war in the air.

Lord Snell concluded that with the active help of the Empire and the sympathetic aid of the U.S.A. they had every reason for sober confidence.

They could look forward confidently to developments which would come in future months and in these developments the strengthening in the air as in every way of the army on the offensive would receive full share of Government's attention.—British Wireless.

ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS

With the arrival in London expected to-day of Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to Washington, on a short visit, it is now learned that the American Ambassador to London will be returning to Washington for consultations within a week or 10 days.—Reuter.

they had landed there were some pretty hefty explosions which went off about a hundred or two hundred yards apart.

About a minute and a half later there was a colossal upheaval. First I saw a huge shower of sparks. Then suddenly a great white column of smoke or steam shot up. It rose practically dead straight and reached to about 6,000 feet. It amazed everybody in the aircraft.—British Wireless.

BRITISH ARRANGEMENT WITH SWISS

The British Government has agreed to grant navicerts and export licences to enable Switzerland to maintain a two-months' stock of war material and will also grant navicerts and export licences for any goods which cannot benefit the enemy. The right is reserved to revise the decisions at any time.—Reuter.

BRITISH AID FOR DE GAULLE

BRAZIL, ARGENTINE, URUGUAY, CHILE AND MEXICO ALREADY HAVE ESTABLISHED FREE FRANCE NATIONAL COMMITTEES ACTING IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE FREE FRENCH FORCES. STATED MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Butler added that committees have also been formed in the United States, Egypt, Canada, Australia, South Africa, and Mauritius.

Representatives of General de Gaulle are also engaged in setting up committees in a number of other countries. The British Government is rendering all assistance in its power and approves of such development.—Reuter.

QUID PRO QUO

THERE ARE PERSISTENT REPORTS IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK THAT THE GIANT AMERICAN AIRCRAFT KNOWN AS "FLYING FORTRESSES" WILL SHORTLY BE RELEASED TO BRITAIN.

At the same time, another report says that the British power-operated gun-turret used in R.A.F. machines may be made available to the United States under the British/American standardisation scheme.—Reuter.

STEADY ADVANCE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was firm yesterday despite the quietness of trading. Gilt-edged again advanced under the lead of War Loans. Industrials were narrowly irregular but gains appeared to have outnumbered losses. Following recent strength Argentine rails improved while gold minings occasionally were brighter shortly before the close of business. Wall Street was higher.—Reuter.

AIR BATTLES OVER BRITAIN

THE GERMANS LOST 17 MACHINES DURING DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON BRITAIN ON TUESDAY. A BOMBER BROUGHT DOWN AFTER DARK BRINGING THE DAY'S BAG TO 18. We lost 15 fighters, but the pilots of nine are safe.—Reuter.

EARL OF ATHLONE TO VISIT U.S.

The Governor-General of Canada and Princess Alice are planning a visit to the United States shortly, it was learned in Ottawa yesterday.

It is assumed they will see President Roosevelt.

The Governor-General will be following the precedent established three years ago by the late Lord Tweedsmuir, who was the first Canadian Governor-General to visit the United States in his official capacity.

He was then returning a visit by President Roosevelt the year before.—Reuter.

Guests Of President

Lord and Lady Athlone will spend the week-end as guests of President Roosevelt at his estate at Hyde Park, New York.

This was announced yesterday from the Citadel in Quebec, the summer residence of the Athlones when they are away from Ottawa.—Reuter.

£50,000 PLAN TO RECLAIM FEN

One of the biggest schemes of land reclamation ever contemplated in Britain is being considered by the Norfolk War Agricultural Executive Committee. The area involved is 8,000 acres of Feltwell Fen, near Stoke Ferry.

It is estimated that the cost of road making and drainage would be at least £50,000. Most of the land is derelict. The work may be undertaken either by roadmen transferred for the purpose or by conscientious objectors.

Other similar schemes may be begun in the near future, at a cost of £200,000 as part of the drive to increase food production.

Power to build hard roads in Fenland areas is given to county war committees by the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) (No. 2) Bill, which received its first reading in the House of Commons recently.

The bill provides for recovery of expenditure on drainage works from owners whose land is thus increased in value.

WAR RELICS AT WORLD'S FAIR

Glimpses of Britain's war effort are being given in the British pavilion at the New York World's Fair. The fuselage of a war-coated Spitfire appears alongside the rear gun-turret of a Wellington bomber that inflicted great damage on the enemy at Heligoland.

There is also a model of H.M.S. Cossack, the destroyer which under Capt. P. L. Vian, rescued between 300 and 400 British seamen from the Graf Spee's prison ship Altmark in Joesing Fjord last February.

Defence measures are indicated by articles which include an Anderson shelter and a baby's gas mask. Paintings by Mr. Charles Pears and other artists portray the evacuation of Dunkirk.

Among many additions to various sections are striking examples of British industrial enterprise.

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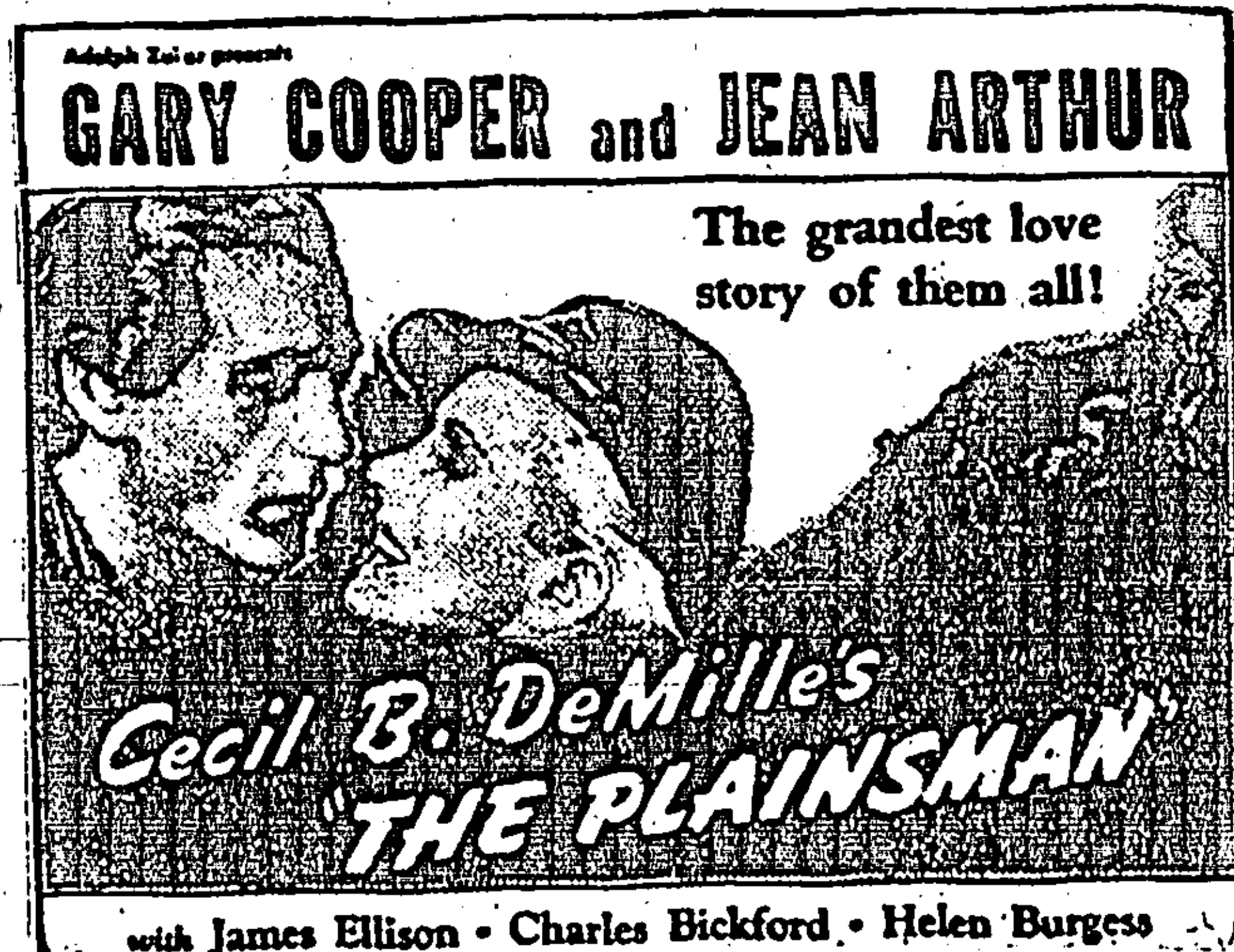


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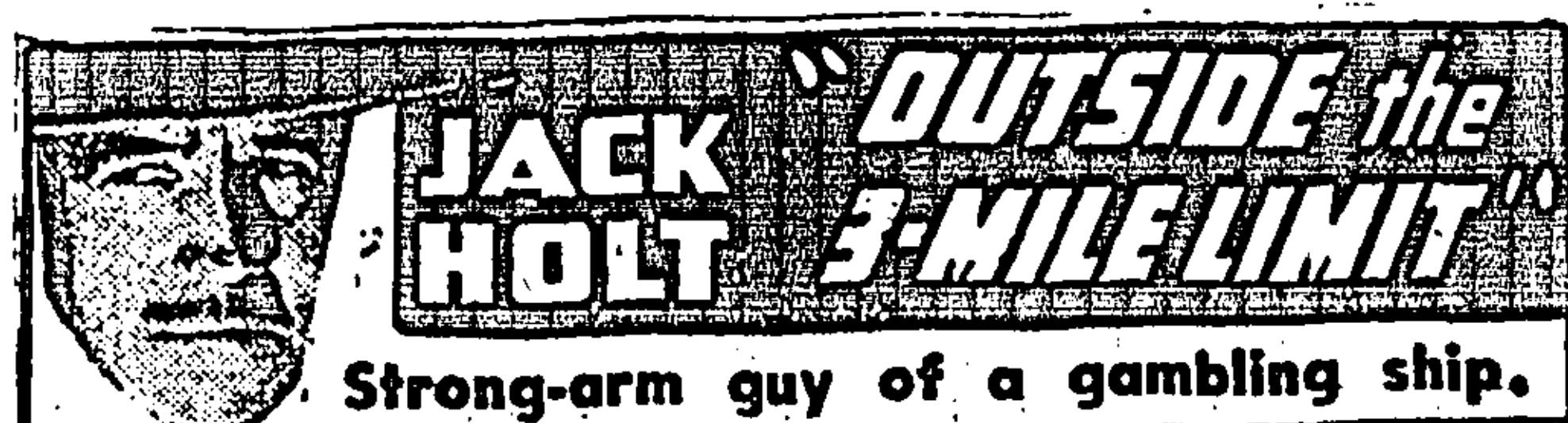
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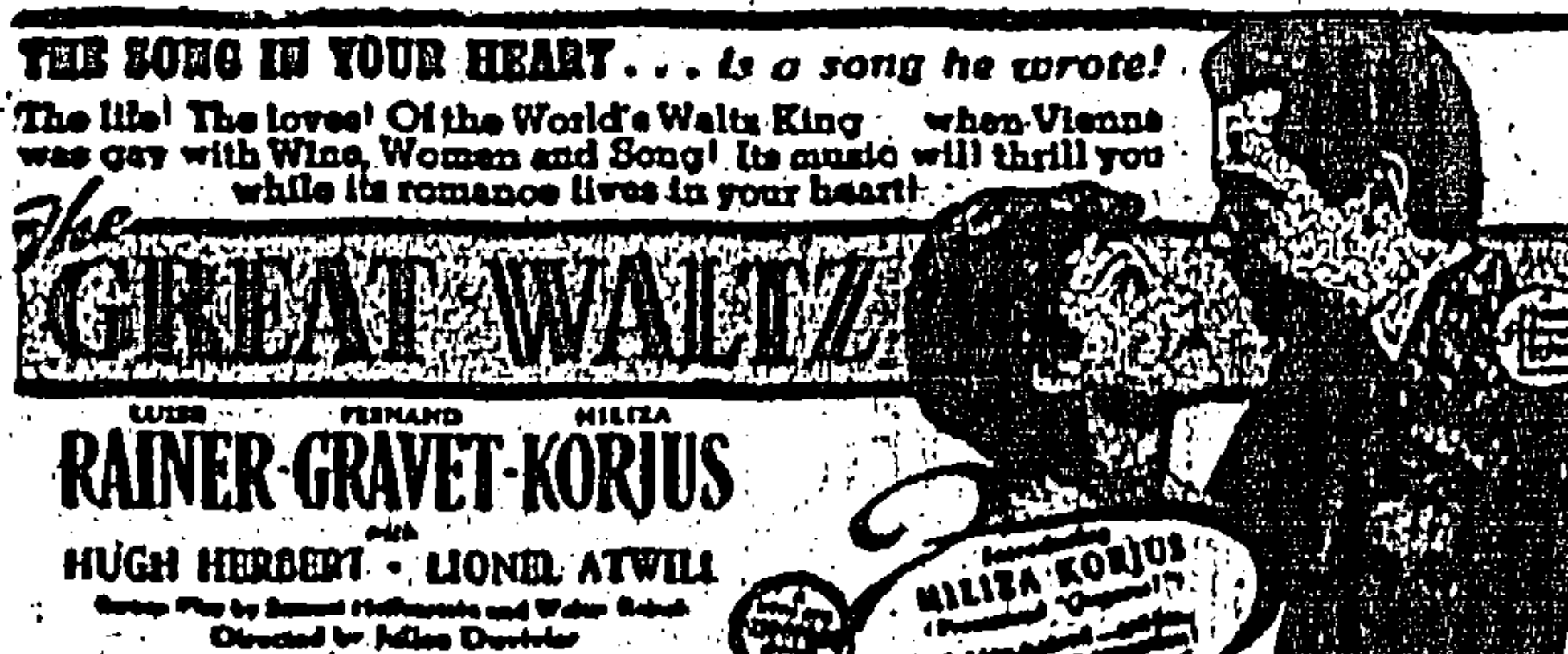
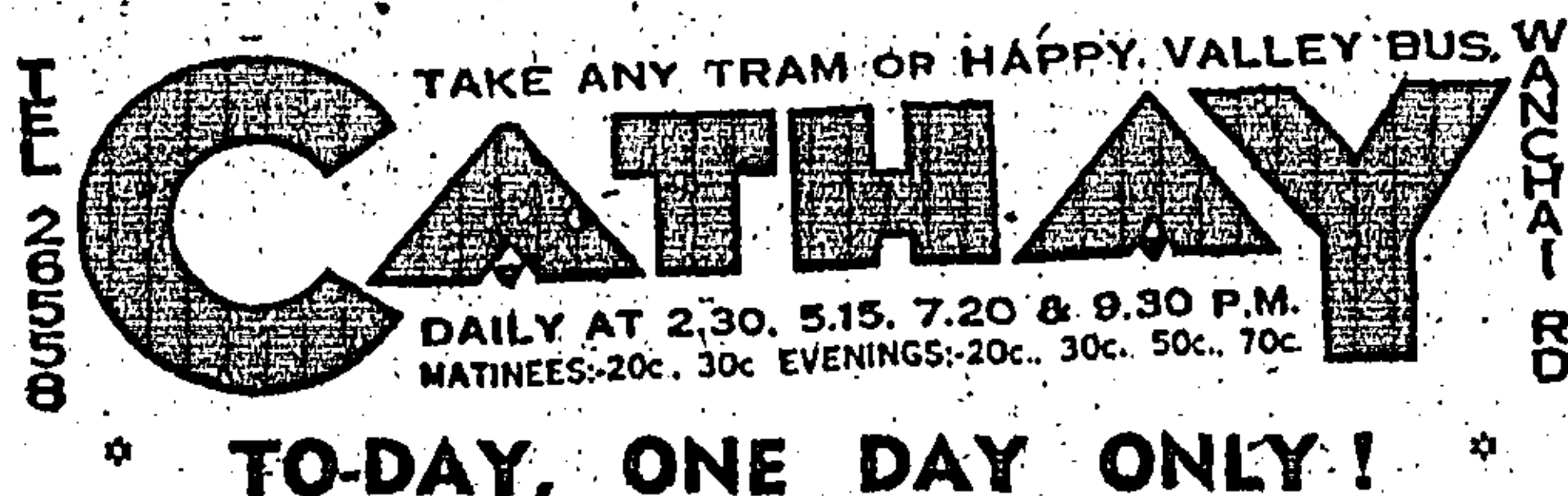
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Harrassing Raids On Italian Army Threatening Egypt

FURTHER HARRASSING of the Italian army threatening Egypt has been carried out by the R.A.F.

A communique issued in Cairo last night described a continuation of the attacks on Benghazi on Tuesday when a further direct hit was made on the Mole d'Italia and a railway station and sidings with high explosive laced with incendiary bombs.

Observation of the damage, the communique admits, was difficult.

Barracks and military concentrations at Bardia, Capuzzo and Sollum were bombed successfully, and Derna and Tobruk were also raided. The R.A.F. suffered no losses in these operations.

Diredawa, in Italian East Africa, was raided and buildings and railway stations bombed.

An action between an R.A.F. plane on patrol over the Red Sea and three Italian bombers resulted in two of the enemy aircraft being damaged, one of them badly, while the British aircraft returned to its base safely.

R.A.F. planes operating from the Sudan bombed naval and air force barracks on the Abdekar peninsula and Massawa. — Reuter.

EXTRAVAGANCE ON CONTRACTS

The reply of the Office of Works to the charges published in the London "Daily Telegraph," of needlessly rigid and costly specifications for war contracts does not satisfy the critics.

The department's spokesman said: "In electrical equipment what may appear at first sight to be elaborate specifications are often necessary safety precautions. The Office of Works abides by the recognised British engineering standards."

An electrical engineer said that British Standards Institution rules were all right for the best work in armament factories, but were unnecessarily good and costly for camps and temporary work.

"The Office of Works has rules of its own," he added, "which are not covered by any standards. For wiring on walls and ceilings it specifies clearances much larger than standard requirements."

"It bars sheet metal in conduits and switch-boxes in favour of malleable cast iron. This is old-fashioned, for the sheet metal article is now satisfactory and quicker to produce. Concerning steel conduits for wiring, it specifies only the silver-grey finish, although it is sometimes more costly than black enamel and usually harder to procure in quantity."

"Most of us follow the rules of the Institution of Electrical Engineers in civil work, and the standards satisfy the insurance companies. In fixing the number of wires that can be carried in a conduit of given diameter the Office of Works insists on a much higher standard. This may mean a higher standard of safety, but it also means using more steel."

COFFEE FOR TWO YEARS

Rumours that coffee may be rationed have caused an increased demand in shops in Britain. Moreover, travelling dealers have been going round country districts urging people to buy coffee now because rationing is imminent.

The rumours are discounted by the trade or, at least, are regarded as premature. It is reported that, although the demand has become much keener since the war began, there are about two years' stock in the country. In addition, during the past nine months several thousand tons of coffee have been seized by the Admiralty while in transit to the enemy, and this supply has not yet appeared on the market.

JAPANESE TARZAN FOUND

A Japanese version of Tarzan is now an inmate of the Itabashi poorhouse in Tokyo. He is about 17 years old, eats crow and dove meat raw and does not know where he was born.

He was found by the Ikebukuro police during a hunt for delinquent youths. Because he had no one to take care of him, he was sent to the Itabashi asylum.

According to the youngster, his earliest memory is that he was living with an old man in out-of-the-way mountains in Wakayama prefecture. During his life with the strange old man in the mountains, he was taught by him a variety of old martial sports. He lived on berries, fruits and meat of wolves and wild birds in the mountain forests.

As he grew up to adolescence, the old man said that he had nothing more to learn from him and that he should descend the mountains. So saying, the old man vanished like smoke, the boy says.

Since that day he had been wandering aimlessly until he was arrested. When he came to Tokyo he ate the meat of doves in shrines which he killed by hitting them with stones.

The boy is five feet four inches tall. He has a handsome face and wears white pants and shirt and a hunting cap. Being very agile, he likes to climb trees in the asylum compound. He calls himself Taro Kanda.

DUTY-FREE TOBACCO FOR FORCES

Tobacco, free of United Kingdom duty, can now be sent to members of the British forces anywhere abroad (except India and Burma) under an extension of the arrangement announced by the Treasury in London yesterday. — Reuter.

HELPED BRIDE TO CHOOSE

A £26 5s claim by Aronson Ltd., of Grosvenor Street W., against Mr. Francis Upton Corbett, a Norfolk fruit farmer, for dresses supplied to his stepdaughter for her wedding was dismissed at Westminster County Court.

For the firm it was stated that after the stepdaughter, then Miss Yvonne Rigby, had chosen the dresses, which were approved by Mr. Corbett, the wedding was postponed, and Mr. Corbett offered £3 as compensation for cancelling the order.

Mr. Corbett, denying that he owed the money, said that his stepdaughter, now married, always bought dresses out of her own income of £150 a year. "Every time she asked me to approve the style or suitability of the garment," he added.

Judge Austin Jones accepted Mr. Corbett's version of what occurred.

LEAVING RUMANIA

A further 70 members of the British colony in Rumania are leaving Constanza for Istanbul to-day, according to a Bucharest report. — Reuter.

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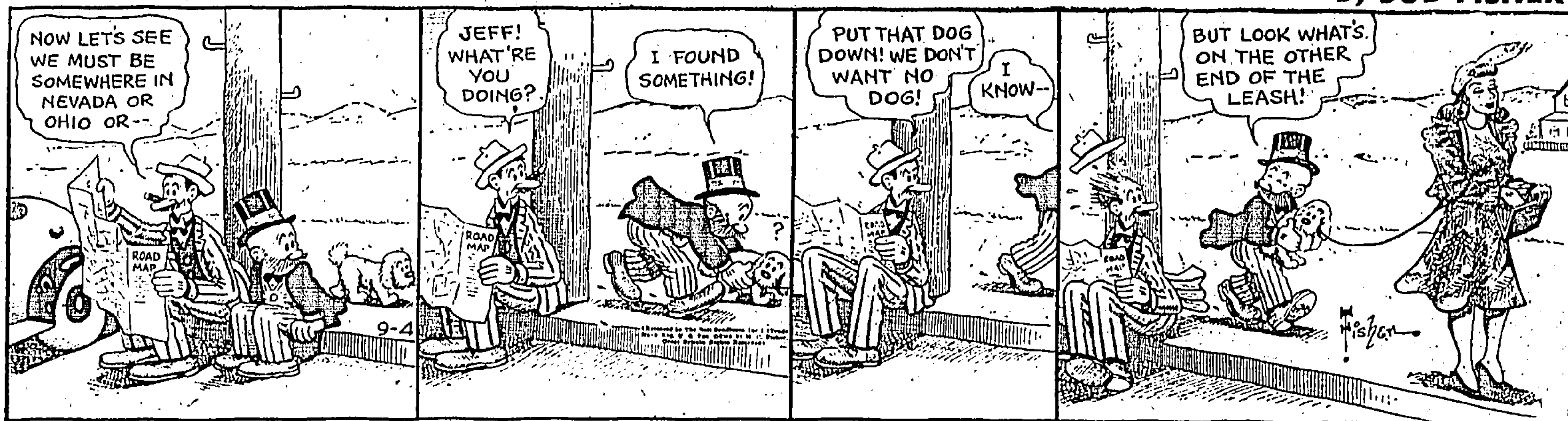
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PINT AFTER PINT TO SOLDIERS

Criticism of public-houses which supply soldiers with considerable quantities of drink was made by Mr. Justice Atkinson at the Old Bailey.

The judge was summing-up in the trial of Walter Ernest Dewberry, 32, a corporal in the Auxiliary Pioneer Corps, who was found guilty of wounding his commanding officer, Major Cyril Ernest Butler with intent to do him some grievous bodily harm, at Boreham Wood, Herts. Dewberry was found not guilty of shooting with intent to murder. Sentence was postponed until the following day.

Mr. Justice Atkinson said it was clear that the occurrence would not have happened if Dewberry had not been served with pint after pint.

"It seems all wrong," he added, "that soldiers who have to be ready for action at any time should be served with all this drink which destroys their powers of quick action, proper control and resistance."

CONVERTING "MAJESTIC"

"An expensive mistake" by the Admiralty, which cost the nation more than £322,000, is criticised in the second report of the Committee of Public Accounts.

The mistake refers to the training ship H.M.S. Caledonia, formerly the liner Majestic, 64,000 tons. When the vessel was bought by the Admiralty the cost of conversion to a training ship was estimated at £150,000. The actual cost turned out to be £472,056.

The Admiralty thought she would be good for 10 years, but last year she was seriously damaged by fire. One reason for the decision to make no further use of her as a training establishment was that her size made her a very vulnerable target.

It is also discovered in the committee's report that, after four years of investigation into overhead and other charges, negotiations between "an important armament firm and the Director of Navy Contracts have now reached the stage of fixing the rate of profit."

The committee says it "cannot think that prolonged uncertainty as to prices tends to efficiency and economy either in production or administration."

SHIELDED CHILD'S BODY

It is revealed that during a recent air raid in the North-East of England, Mr. George Roseblade, a traveller employed by a London firm of wholesale milliners, saved the life of a young child.

Mr. Roseblade was on his round when he ran into the raid. After dropping four bombs a German aeroplane swooped low and began machine-gunning.

Onlookers dashed for shelter, but a frightened four-year-old girl was left standing on the footpath.

Amid the hail of bullets Mr. Roseblade jumped from his car, seized the child, and holding her so that her body was shielded by his own, dashed along the road towards shelter.

In the middle of the road he stumbled and fell.

He injured his arm, but he got up again, still covering the child, and reached a safe place. He at first refused to give his name, but later did so, adding: "Please don't make a hero of me."

Mr. Roseblade volunteered some time ago as a pilot in the R.A.F. He was rejected on medical grounds, but has now accepted service as an air gunner and is waiting to be called up.

"What I saw in that little raid has made me even keener to be up with the R.A.F.," he said, "especially as the German bomber which machine-gunned those civilians was brought down a few minutes later, before our eyes, by three Spitfires."

A representative of Mr. Roseblade's firm said, "We have heard nothing from him about his bravery. All we have had is a short message telling us he had been in a raid, but was safe."

GOD OF WAR FOR U.S.

Skanda, the Hindu God of War, was the cause of the chief contest at Christie's recently. He figured in an Xth century bronze group, which Lady Wenloch had given to the Red Cross. This group, as Sir Eric Maclagan told me, is matched by one which Lord Wenloch presented to the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1929.

The richly-endowed museum of fine arts in Boston, Mass. has been waiting for such a group for some time. Accordingly the American trustees begged Sir Eric to see that they were represented in the bidding. Messrs. Spink readily acted, and at 480gns. the impressive group was declared to be an acquisition for Boston. The total of the sale now stands at £55,000.

The picture of Eton College painted by Wyck in 1600, and presented to the Red Cross by Lord Fairhaven, realised £336 last Friday. I learn that a few old Etonians are rapidly finding the purchase money for the picture to be in its proper home.

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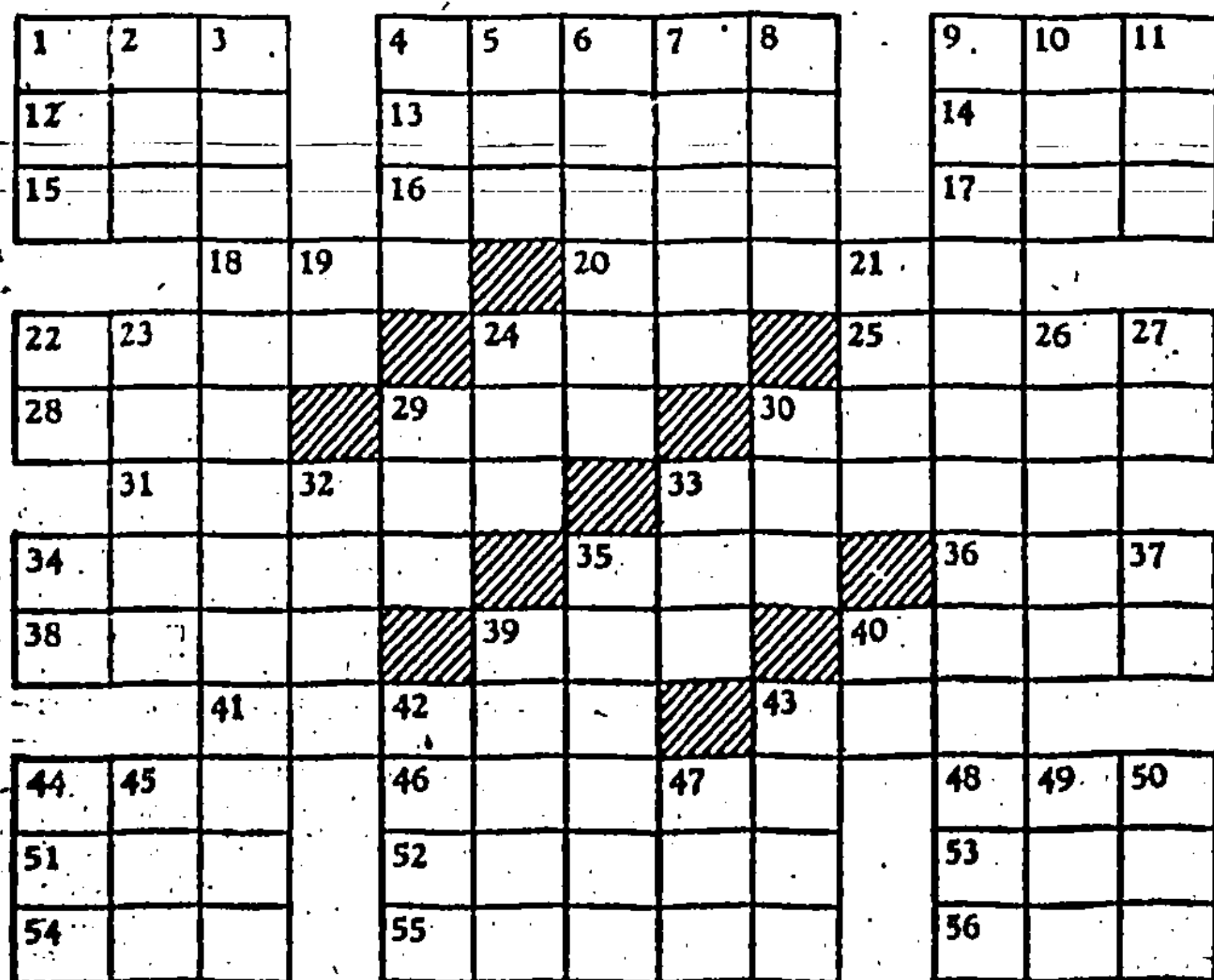
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- 1 To urge
- 4 Banquet
- 9 Female ruff
- 12 Enemy
- 13 Spear
- 14 Bitter vetch
- 15 Brown
- 16 Pertaining to a plane surface
- 17 Possessive pronoun
- 18 East-Indian tree
- 20 South American ruminant
- 22 Land measure
- 24 English river
- 25 French ecclesiastic
- 28 Brazilian macaw
- 29 Help
- 30 Pertaining to the doctrines of Arius
- 31 Winged
- 33 Small food-fish
- 34 Feeble-minded
- 35 To equal
- 36 Electrified particle
- 38 Most competent
- 39 Encountered

VERTICAL

- 40 Volcano in Sicily
- 41 Deep sleep
- 43 Chinese pagoda
- 44 Japanese sash
- 46 Goddess of peace
- 48 Scotch cap
- 51 Edge
- 52 Carried
- 53 Night before an event
- 54 Confusion
- 55 Large swords
- 56 Witnessed

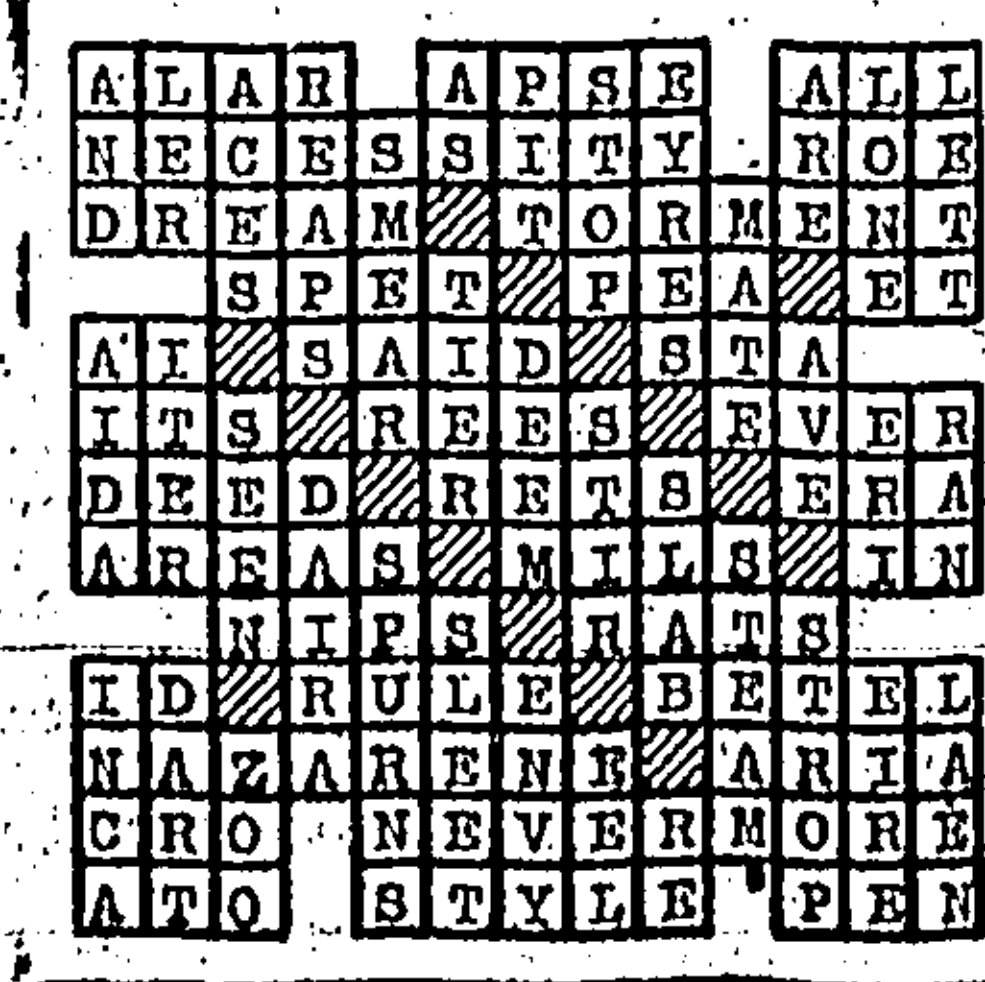
VERTICAL

- 1 Lizard
- 2 Tibetan gazelle
- 3 Chief commander of an army
- 4 Banner
- 5 Grain spike
- 6 Anointed
- 7 To climb
- 8 Weblike membrane
- 9 Restores to a former capacity

VERTICAL

- 10 Castor silk
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Fred MacMurray and Jean Arthur are co-starred with Melvyn Douglas at the King's Theatre in Columbia's "Too Many Husbands," Wesley Ruggles' new comedy. The two are husband and wife until MacMurray is reported lost at sea, whereupon Jean marries Melvyn. Fred is rescued from his castaway island and "Too Many Husbands" hits its stride.

NAZI PICTURE OF ENGLAND

"Lack of plan," of which Hitler accuses the British military, political and R.A.F. authorities, seems to have overtaken German editors, who are in two minds as to what to serve up to their readers concerning England.

The main tendency is to portray England as a panic-stricken island.

German correspondents in Madrid and Stockholm picture the daily life in England with imaginary conversations between Mr. Smith and Mrs. Brown.

The conversations emphasise fear, lack of food, soaring prices, and the conviction of defeat. The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" emphasises that the English masses are terrified, because it is now clear that "even Churchill and Alexander are unable to assure them of successful defence action by the Fleet."

The "Lokal-Anzeiger," in a message dated from nowhere, says that armaments production in England is threatened with strikes and sabotage.

Dancing In Streets

The "Frankfurter Zeitung," however, reports from Stockholm that the pleasure-seeking English are dancing in the streets.

As a variation of the alleged cleavage between the Government and the people, the newspaper evolves the theory that enmity has developed between Londoners and people in the provinces.

People in the provinces, it says, who are subjected to air attacks, resent the lightheartedness of Londoners, who are now so unpopular that they are unable to indulge in the pastime fashionable until a few weeks ago of "week-ending in Edinburgh to watch the air raids there."

There is also a good sprinkling of atrocity accusations in the German Press. The official German News Agency states, on the evidence of one Sergt. Reil, how "the English shot a wounded German prisoner."

Reil concludes: "The English left me lying. As a death-like rattle came in my throat they thought I was expiring; otherwise they would certainly have killed me, too."

DECREE FOR HUSBAND

A decree nisi was granted in the Divorce Court to Mr. Claud Dobree Strickland, now serving in the R.A.F., against Lady Marguerite Strickland, daughter of the Earl of Darnley, on the ground of her adultery with the co-respondent, Mr. Blake Dorn. The suit was undefended, and costs were given against the co-respondent.

Mr. Strickland's case was that in September, 1939, his wife, whom he married in 1934, was acting in a repertory company at Sunderland. Mr. Dorn was in the same company, and later, he and Lady Marguerite came to London, where they lived together.

DISMISSAL OF W. O. COLONEL

The findings of the Court of Inquiry last March into the circumstances of the introduction of Mr. Charles Kingsley Scott, otherwise Charles Kinsler Scotnicki, to a firm of Government contractors and to certain military officers, are announced by Mr. Eden, Secretary for War.

As a result of the inquiry, the Army Council terminated the employment of Lt.-Col. Hayley, of the War Office, who had recommended Mr. Scott to Col. Howell Jones for introduction to the firm concerned with a view to financing certain contracts.

Col. Howell Jones, who held a post at the Ministry of Supply, was warned as to his future conduct.

Mr. Eden's statement was made in a written reply to Mr. Thurtle (Sec., Shoreditch). He stated:

"The Army Council came to the following conclusions in regard to the conduct of these officers in respect of the introduction of Mr. C. K. Scott to the firm referred to in the terms of reference:

"1. Lt.-Col. Hayley, made the acquaintance in June, 1939, of Mr. Scott, who had served a sentence of imprisonment for fraudulent conversion and was not a person who should ever have been introduced by an officer for the purpose of assisting in any financial transaction.

Became Close Friends

"Within a couple of months Lt.-Col. Hayley became a close friend of Mr. Scott, and about the beginning of September, as a result of an inquiry by Mr. Scott, he put him into touch with Col. Howell Jones with a view to Mr. Scott finding, on a profit-making basis, finance to enable the firm referred to above to carry out certain store contracts for the Ministry of Supply.

"At that time Lt.-Col. Hayley did not know that Mr. Scott had been in prison. He refused an offer made by Mr. Scott of a share in the profit anticipated from the proposed financial transaction, but he accepted from Mr. Scott the offer of a business introduction with a view to employment after the termination of his military service.

"Although the Council were satisfied that the recommendations of Mr. Scott to Col. Howell Jones were not given by Lt.-Col. Hayley for any corrupt purpose, it was clear that while Lt.-Col. Hayley was unwilling to make a direct profit, he was not averse from gaining an indirect advantage if that should accrue after leaving the service and from a reputable source.

"The choice of friends must be a matter of personal taste, but the Army Council considered that, when Lt.-Col. Hayley realised, as he must then have done, that his friendship and introduction were being made use of for a private gain, it was most unwise of him to continue the easy-going relationship into which he had got.

"At a later date Lt.-Col. Hayley stated on Mr. Scott's form of application for enrolment into the Army Officers' Emergency Reserve that he considered Mr. Scott was suitable for a temporary commission.

"The court found that by the time that Lt.-Col. Hayley signed the form he had learned that Mr. Scott had been in prison and the Council accepted that finding. They considered that for Lt.-Col. Hayley to have signed the application while keeping silent as to his knowledge of Mr. Scott's criminal past showed a complete lack of appreciation of his responsibilities and duties as an officer.

Petition To King

"In view of the above considerations the Army Council decided to terminate this officer's employment in the Army. Lt.-Col. Hayley submitted a petition to the King, in accordance with the provisions of Section 42 of the Army Act, but, after careful consideration by the Army Council, I have found myself unable to advise His Majesty to issue any special instructions in regard thereto.

"2.—Col. Howell Jones, through



Melvyn Douglas, one of Jean Arthur's husbands in "Too Many Husbands." Melvyn usually "gets his girl" in the films he appears in, but this picture is somewhat different. He both does and does not "get the girl." It all depends on the point of view! Jean's final choice between her two husbands leaves both of them somewhat puzzled!

BRIGHTON HOTELS SHUT DOWN

Two famous Brighton hotels on the front, or the King's Road, the Grand and the Metropole, have closed. The former is 80 years old while the latter would have celebrated its jubilee recently.

Defence restrictions and the fact that many people have left the town made it impossible to carry on, and the managers of both hotels stated that, the staffs, totalling in all about 500 people, had been dispersed. It is probable that the hotels will remain closed to the end of the war.

The last visitor at the Grand was 88 years old Mrs. Mary Hodson, who has lived there for 38 years. At first she refused to leave, saying she wanted to spend her last days there.

Several other leading hotels in Brighton including the Royal Albion, had closed previously and some others will do so shortly. The Old Ship intends to keep open as long as possible.

his subordinate, Major MacGillivray, effected Mr. Scott's introduction to the firm referred to above. He failed to make any inquiries at all as to the character, standing, or resources of the person he thus sponsored on the grounds that the bona fides of a prospective financier or financial representative was a matter for the firm and not for him.

"Open To Criticism"

"The Council dissented from this view. They considered that the conduct of Col. Howell Jones was open to criticism on this point, namely, that at a time of unexampled stress he failed to realise that the mere fact of an introduction coming from him, and made formally and officially by his subordinate lent to Mr. Scott a weight and authority which otherwise he could never have obtained.

"They were of opinion that it was his duty either to have made some inquiries about Mr. Scott before effecting the introduction or to have made it clear that he had not done so.

"Col. Howell Jones was working under very great difficulties, and in the Council's view, was actuated throughout only by an urgent desire to promote the flow of equipment for the Army. In the circumstances the Council decided that it was not necessary to do more than to warn Col. Howell Jones as to his future conduct.

"No Blame Attaching"

"3.—Major MacGillivray introduced Mr. Scott to the firm referred to formally and officially and did not vouch for him personally. In so doing Major MacGillivray was merely carrying out his orders and the Council considered that no blame attached to him.

"4.—The name of Lt. Rowland was mentioned in connection with some of the financial negotiations between Mr. Scott and certain associates with the firm in question. Lt. Rowland was a civilian at the time and was not granted a commission until December, 1939.

"In the circumstances, the Council came to the conclusion that there was nothing in his conduct which reflected on his military reputation."

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VICHY POLITICS

The actions of the Vichy Government in the last week or two indicate that there is little remaining hope that the worst fears of France's friends will not eventuate, that the spirit of defeatism is too deeply ingrained in those that could change the course of the current, and that the job-hunters remain in their heyday.

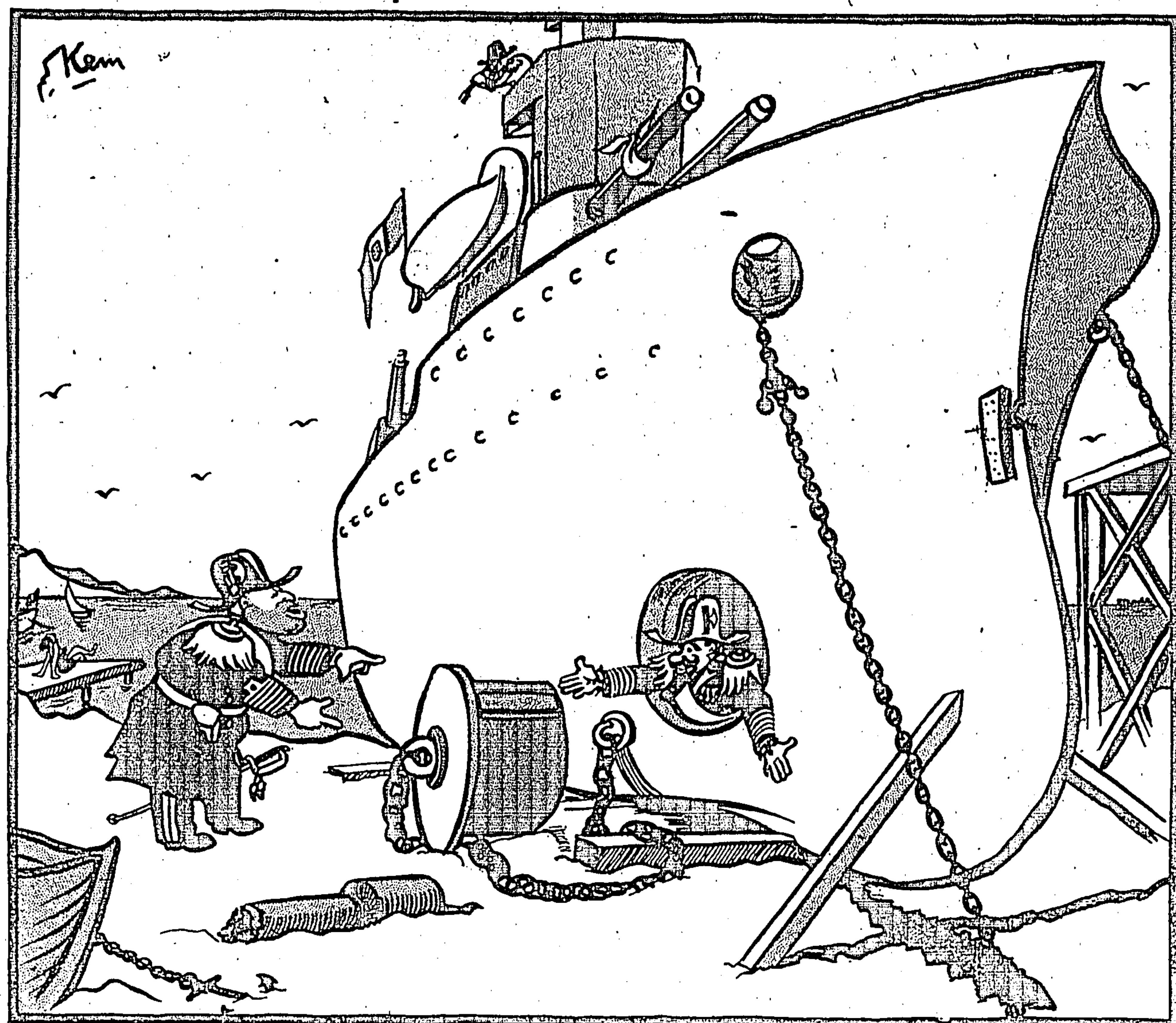
Latest moves include measures for the suppression of trade unions, for the elimination of democratic control in the provinces, for substitution of gauleiters for elected representatives, and against the Jews.

France, in fact, runs so fast at the heels of the German conqueror, is so anxious not to offend, that Mr. Churchill had to admit the prospect of Vichy France ranged on the side of Britain's enemies. It seems impossible of belief, even at this day and age, yet we must see the situation clearly and realise that if our future relations are clouded in a mist, that which shows through is not calculated to rouse any British enthusiasm.

There are doubtless Frenchmen who think that France might have a tolerable future as junior partner in Hitler's Empire, sharing its favours, with Mussolini, following its fortunes, waiting on its voice.

How far the revision of the Constitution and the adoption of Nazi doctrines are meant to serve this plan, how far they are designed to meet the serious evils of French politics, it is hard to say.

It is difficult to believe that the French people, with all their proud history behind them, can be content to become a vassal State, lending their ancient prestige to the very forces that Revolutionary France and Catholic France have combined in denouncing as a new barbarism. These are dark days, but even under the shock of the most bitter of the blows that have fallen upon us most of us will refuse to despair of France or to believe that she is lost for all time to the cause of liberty. The alliance still lives in our hopes and our faith. Nothing done by their present rulers can destroy British respect or British gratitude for the courage of our comrades in the dangers and sufferings of the war.



OVERHAULING THE ITALIAN NAVY

Mussolini. "It's Hitler's idea. We may have to try scuttling'...."

Money For Victory

The moment has arrived when every citizen must steel himself for war sacrifices far beyond anything he has yet endured, or probably even contemplated.

Income-tax and surtax payers, it is true, have already been called upon to shoulder burdens substantially heavier than ever before, but for the broad mass of the people the incidence of the war has hitherto remained comparatively light.

Taxation has caused a steep rise in the price of certain staple luxuries, such as beer, whisky and tobacco, and prices generally have also risen to a moderate extent. But even at their present level, as measured by the (admittedly faulty) cost of living index, prices are no higher, relatively to wages, than they were in the peace, down to about 1926. Moreover, by far the greater part of the rise since war began occurred before Christmas, since when there has been little perceptible change.

Outlay and Output

This comfortable era of something not much below peace-time plenty in the midst of the grimest struggle our nation has ever had to face is at an end. No illusion can be more foolish than to imagine that we can go on eating our cake and still get all the guns and aeroplanes and tanks we need for the Battle of Britain.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer sounded the warning signal when he pointed out that since the beginning of June the total Government expenditure has been at the rate of £9,500,000 a day, which is £2,500,000 a day more than the previous average. This sudden stepping-up of expenditure is due to the tremendous acceleration in our aircraft and munitions output, and the more rapid intake of men into the armed forces.

At £9,500,000 a day our annual rate of expenditure is approximately £3,500,000,000. Since Viscount Simon had allowed in his April Budget for a bill of only £2,667,000,000, the increase amounts to no less than £800,000,000.

The magnitude of the task that confronts us will be appreciated when it is recalled that this additional deficit of £800,000,000 is by itself equivalent to our whole national expenditure in an ordinary peace year. But that is by no means all. Lord Simon had provided

tax revenues of only £1,234,000,000, leaving more than £1,400,000,000 of his estimated expenditure of £2,667,000,000 to be met by borrowing.

Only Two Expedients

Lord Simon himself never revealed how far he believed that a sum of this size could be raised from the genuine savings of the people. But, if we are to accept the published views of leading economists, £1,000,000,000 may be regarded as the maximum that the Government can hope to obtain by

—By—
J.C. Johnstone

borrowing from the public and by the realisation of gold and capital assets abroad.

On this basis there was already a shortage of at least £400,000,000, even before the recent spurt in expenditure which added a further £800,000,000, making £1,200,000,000 in all. Thus the Government is spending £1,200,000,000 a year more than it is in a position, under present conditions, to bring into its coffers. In such a situation there are only two expedients by which the Government can pay its way. It must either resort to a wholesale creation of paper money (inflation) or else it must combine drastic increases in taxation with measures to ensure an enormous expansion in the flow of public savings.

The first of the expedients, involving a runaway inflation, would be a counsel of despair. It would mean a rapid and continuing rise in prices, which would dislocate every department of the public and private economy and render all accountancy impossible.

The Evils of Inflation

The national budget would have to be subject to frequent revisions in order to meet the Government's ever-rising costs in terms of money. Contracts would have to be limited to the briefest period to avert the bankruptcy of contractors. Large sections of the community living on fixed incomes, such as widows and pensioners, would be reduced to penury. Wage-

earners might endeavour, who only partial success, to recoup their loss in real income by demanding wage increases, but each new wage increase would only serve to enhance the viciousness of the inflation spiral. The flow of savings would dry up, since no one will save or lend money which is always losing its value.

Obviously it is to no one's interest to be swept on to this Gadarene slope of bankruptcy. If our war machine is to run smoothly we must at all costs avoid the disorderly rout of inflation, and must take upon ourselves the orderly discipline of taxation and saving.

Taxation Has Limits

The munitions we need and are determined to have, can only be got by hard work and unflinching self-sacrifice. Inflation is merely an arbitrary and unjust means of shifting the burden between one section of the community and another; the burden itself is inescapable.

We are faced then with the necessity of cutting down every form of private expenditure to a hitherto unplumbed minimum. And we must do it now, before we fall into the deadly grip of inflation, which, in the absence of draconian measures, cannot be far away.

No one will envy the Chancellor the duty of framing new taxation, and it is a subject on which no layman can perform any useful service by attempting to offer him advice.

Let this only be said. There is not the smallest prospect of his being able to raise anything like £1,200,000,000 in new taxation. Five hundred million pounds, spread over all classes, is probably somewhere near the limit.

A second thing adumbrated by the Chancellor is the "strict curtailment of consumption." It is this "strict curtailment of consumption" which has got to find the residuary £700,000,000 and here it can be stated with certainty that the requisite degree of strictness will never be achieved without some degree of compulsion at the instigation of the Chancellor himself.

Curb Private Spending

One useful way of curtailing consumption is to limit the opportunity of purchase by restricting

the supply of goods to the shops. Steps in this direction have already been taken by the Board of Trade, but they do not go nearly far enough.

Shops all over the country are still crowded and being replenished with all manner of objects entirely unnecessary to a nation battling for its existence. If the people cannot buy they must save willy-nilly, and it is for the Government to see that they cannot buy.

Another point worth mentioning is this: Since December the Government have been spending over £50,000,000 a year to stabilise the price of certain staple foods. Their primary object they have achieved, in as much as the prices of food in general have hardly moved in the past six months.

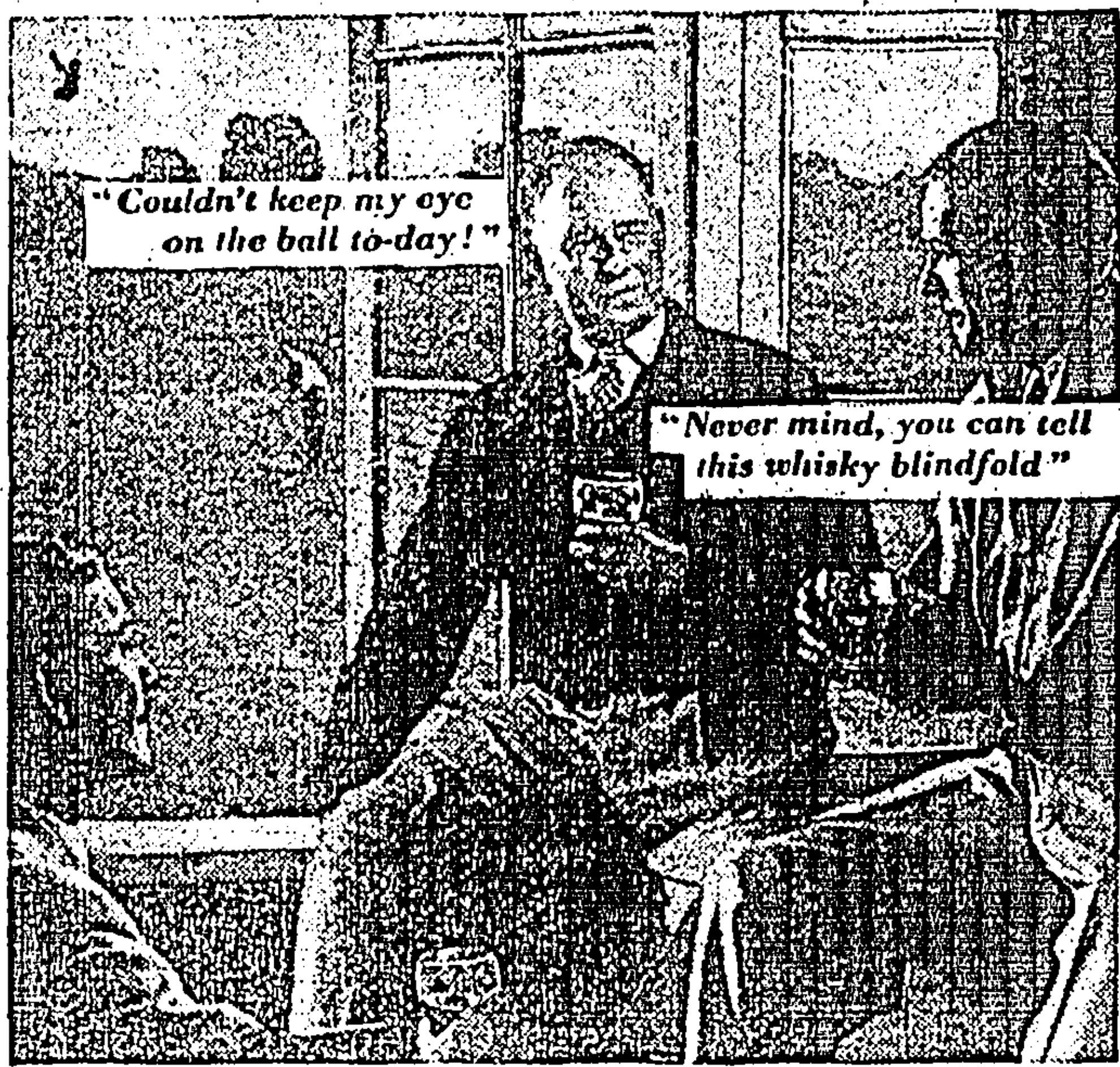
But in their secondary object, which was to remove any excuse for wage increases, they have failed. Between January and May wages increases were granted totalling well over £50,000,000 a year — £50,000,000 towards inflation. This should stop forthwith.

Wages should be placed under the same public control as that already established for persons and property. No variation either upward or downward should be permitted without Government sanction, which should only be given for some specific reason, as, for example, in the case of the recent sharp rise in agricultural wages, which the Government themselves decreed in order to attract the necessary amount of labour back to the land.

Let People Be Told

One final word. The country has unanimously applauded the recent acceleration in the output of munitions. It is inflexibly resolved that nothing shall be stinted in the provision of whatever is necessary to banish the unconscionable curse of Hitlerism from the face of the earth. There is another £1,200,000,000 to be found to meet the bill in the next 12 months.

The nation desires no half-measures. It is ready and anxious to know the hard truth. It only asks that the Government shall tell it in all frankness exactly how and where the money can be found. Once it is told, there can be no question about the nature of the response.



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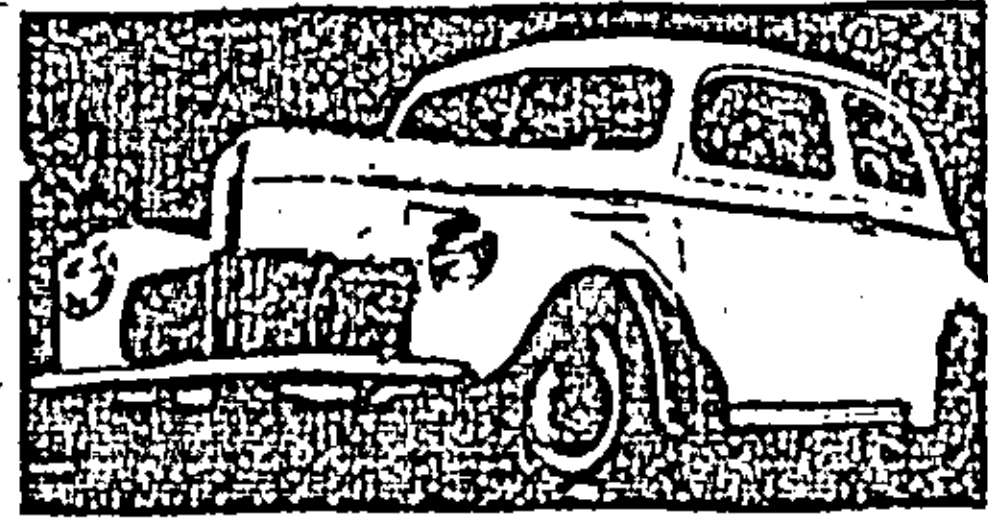
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HOUSING PLANS IN EUROPE AFTER THE WAR

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD Unit, a modern housing system which has been carried on in Europe with a considerable "degree of success" for the past 20 years, has been forced by the war to take a recess, but plans already are being made to continue the programme with renewed vigour when hostilities cease, according to Jose Luis Sert, Architect and Town Planner of international distinction, now on a lecture tour of the United States.

Mr. Sert, an enthusiastic exponent of the Neighbourhood Unit, said that while "practical readjustments" have been made necessary because of the war the goal of Europe's housing movement continues to be the establishment of better civic, social, building, and recreational conditions for city dwellers.

Europe's housing system, Mr. Sert feels, would be particularly applicable in the United States because of the many parkways and bridges which would give the desired space and unobstructed views.

The housing problem in Europe has been considered seriously since the middle of the last century with France, Germany, and England giving the matter close scrutiny. However, the World War interrupted whatever progress had been made and it wasn't until after 1918 that the working out of this problem really got under way. Housing interests began to apply their social and civic formulas, always careful to leave big, open spaces, before dwelling blocks.

New Techniques Adopted

Natural conditions of the site had to be studied in relation to development for relaxation, recreation, and culture. This brought into play modern techniques of steel and concrete frames, new types of windows, walls reduced, new lighting materials and new systems of ventilating and heating. And in this modern planning high densities do not mean overcrowding, but tend toward a civic structure if designed in unit form.

This density of population can be taken care of by a series of low dwelling blocks of one or two-family houses, from one to three stories; by medium height blocks from four to eight stories; by high blocks from eight to fifteen stories and by skyscrapers, isolated units complete in themselves.

The low blocks system is a favourite in Holland where social services are included, but perhaps the best example is that of the Bellavista Flats at Bellevue, Denmark, constructed for the high middle class in 1934-35. Here the staggered plan gives light and privacy to the 68 apartments and the wide lawn meets the building in a clean line unencumbered by unnecessary details.

Another good example of the same type, also for the well-to-do, is Neubühl at Zurich, Switzerland, where a loop of streets leads to a colony of houses with civic equipment as kindergarten, shops, and recreation buildings. Because of the slight hill and manner of construction every living-room opens to the south-east with a view of Lake Zurich.

Social Service System

Then there is the group for low incomes at Siemensstadt Siedlung, Berlin, a streamlined design based on the strictest economy, but forming a complete Neighbourhood Unit with a central system of social services.

The Cité de la Muette, Drancy, near Paris, is another complete community scheme, a skyscraper group financed by the state. Medium blocks and small, well spaced skyscrapers of fifteen stories, the first of its kind, according to Mr. Sert, obtain high densities and free open spaces, where one can live as well as exist, in itself a justification for these Neighbourhood Units.

"Certainly these housing experiments of the past 20 years," summed up Mr. Sert, "have not proved lost time. They have formulated a new theory of what dwelling areas have to be to satisfy human needs, materially and spiritually.

They have defined Neighbourhood Units. They have experimented with a new building technique far enough to foresee its enormous possibilities, once it can be applied on large-scale schemes. Perhaps there have been more good intentions than good results, more useful failures than definite solutions, but all the same, something has been done and there are many important 'Utopias' on paper ready to find expression in concrete form."



A ruffled gypsy skirt is worn over Virginia Grey's two-piece play suit of non-crushable linen. In vivid blue and dusty rose, the suit combines outdoor practicability with suitability for house wear with the donning of the skirt. Either knee-length or floor-length skirts may be worn with the suit.

CANADA'S WAR PAID BY SMALL MAN

IT'S THE LITTLE FELLOW — the man with the \$1 and \$10 subscription—who's coming through in a big way with the money needed to finance Canada's war needs, a study of the Dominion's current borrowing showed S. F. Porter of the "New York Post."

Recently Canada placed on the market its second war loan, amounting to \$300,000,000, bearing 3 per cent. interest and due October 1, 1952. At midnight two days later, subscriptions totalled \$201,949,000; orders were running between \$20,000,000 and \$40,000,000 a day.

Contrasted with the U. S. government's billion-dollar borrowings in 12 hours, this record may not appear impressive. But that first reaction fails to consider one pivotal point: the difference in the buyers.

Canada is asking private citizens to buy the war bonds, is appealing to individuals in every section of the Dominion to "Make Your Dollars Fight for Freedom."

The U. S. Treasury in recent years has relied almost entirely upon the country's banks and insurance companies for funds. The distinction is vital not only from a financial, but also from a social viewpoint.

All Types

The trend of Canadian war financing is highly significant to American citizens, for it well may be that the experience of the Dominion with its war borrowing may foretell the experiences the U. S. is to have with its national defence financing.

There's no question that Canada is almost at the private citizen and is trying to hold to a minimum bank subscriptions. On the first war loan, for instance—it was for \$200,000,000, carried 3½ per cent. interest and was sold in January—large subscribers received only 40 per cent. of the amounts bid for.

Small buyers received the full amounts asked for. On this current one, the same procedure may be followed to secure what the Finance Minister called "a type of distribution which will make the issue an unquestioned success."

When the first war loan was floated the remark that "the books on the issue will be kept open as long as possible to assure purchasers of small amounts full

opportunity to do their bit on the economic front in this war."

Instalment Buying

Report is. Canadian banks are working out arrangements with private citizens to permit them to buy the bonds on credit and to pay back the banks in instalments.

It's similar to the programme U. S. banks followed during the Liberty Loan drives of the first World War. That's another thought-provoking point.

No Interest

Perhaps even more indicative is the Dominion's sale of "registered non-interest-bearing certificates" due June 15, 1945.

Thousands of citizens offered to lend money to the Dominion without interest, it is said, so Canada tendered a \$10,000,000 issue of these non-interest-bearing certificates in denominations ranging from \$1 up.

Not only has the \$10,000,000 been subscribed, but \$5,000,000 more has been sent in, according to reports.

Books on the loan probably will remain open indefinitely.

Policy

It's a matter of fundamental financial policy—whether a government is to go to its citizens for money during an emergency, or whether it is to rely on bank credit and to risk encouraging inflationary forces.

So far, the U. S. has chosen the bank credit method for its financings, but if our emergency is prolonged and national defence expenditures continue over many years, it is highly likely that this government will follow the same policies adopted by Canada.

"A people's loan"—as William Gibbs McAdoo put it in 1917—"is the mainstay of a government in a crucial period."

JAPAN'S WISHFUL THINKING ON ACCORD WITH SOVIET

REPORTS OF A Pending Japanese-Soviet non-aggression pact are not supported by anything more tangible than speculation on the military advantages which would be derived from it in view of the increasing United States firmness and rumours of Anglo-American overtures towards Russia, says a Reuter despatch from Tokyo to-day.

Japanese Government officials have been frequently queried about the possibilities of a non-aggression pact but they are still adhering to expressions of hope for a fundamental adjustment of relations after the arrival of General Tatekawa, the new Ambassador, in Moscow when talks may possibly be attempted from a fresh start.

This stand was reiterated by General Tatekawa in Hsinking when he said he was starting with a clean slate and therefore it was unnecessary to consult Mr. Togo, the present Ambassador to Russia, previously.

However, the possibility is not excluded of Axis manoeuvres behind the scenes in Moscow to pave the way for a modified non-aggression treaty after the arrival of General Tatekawa.

But it is unlikely that anything more than paving the way will be done at present. At the same time, public sentiment in Tokyo is still deeply anti-Commintern and for this reason extreme ingratitude towards Russia is most unlikely.

Japan's Expectations

Although a section of the Japanese press have been making much of Soviet Foreign Commissioner Molotov's hint towards Japan, it is apparently expected that Russia will make concessions to Japan rather than vice versa.

It is noteworthy that the only issue settled on the crowded agenda problems at present is the boundary line, whereas the fisheries pact, yearly bone of contention between the two countries, has less than three months to remain in effect before the expiration deadline.—Reuter.

AMERICANS REACHING SHANGHAI

The families of American naval officers resident in towns along the upper reaches of the Yangtze River arrived in Shanghai by the U.S.S. Luzon and Isabel yesterday and American evacuees from North China are arriving by a U.S. transport to-day, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

Over 1,000 Americans in Shanghai are understood to have booked passage.

The first batch will leave by the Matson liner Monterey which is scheduled to reach Shanghai on October 30.—Central News.

DEALING WITH LONDON'S FIRES

The King yesterday heard how the London Fire Brigade has dealt with the many fires caused by Nazi air raids on London when he visited headquarters of the Brigade. His Majesty spent nearly half an hour in the operations room where he saw a huge map of London marked with indicators showing where fires had occurred and had been dealt with by London fire services.—British Wireless.

CHINA'S PLANS FOR BURMA RD.

While the Chinese authorities attach the greatest importance to the re-opening of the Burma road on Friday nothing spectacular, either in the form of official ceremonies or a mad dash of trucks over the highway is expected to-morrow.

Reports that 2,000 to 3,000 trucks will cross the border on Friday are probably imaginary since there is no need for the Chinese to rush the transportation of supplies into or out of China at present, now that the road is to be re-opened.

In fact the Chinese authorities will carefully avoid having any large concentration of trucks at any point in order to escape bombing.

The authorities in Chungking are mainly interested in having trucks move steadily into and out of China and not in trying to achieve this by one mad dash, as some reports appear to indicate.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING RAID

Three Japanese planes flying from Hupch raided Chungking at 6 o'clock yesterday evening. Ten bombs were dropped, wounding two men and demolishing several houses.—Central News.

CANADA'S RICH IRON ORE FIND

UTILISING TWO-FOOT-THICK ice formed over small northern Ontario Steep Rock Lake, geophysicists of the University of Toronto last winter found and mapped rich iron ore deposits which began 300 feet below the lake surface.

Late this summer Canada starts to tap this new iron ore reserve found with the latest in electrical prospecting methods, and which is estimated to hold at least 300,000,000 tons of high grade iron ore. With Canada importing from the United States and Newfoundland practically all the iron ore needed in the iron and steel industries, the new field is regarded as of wartime importance.

Cheap Transporting Available

Formation of four distinct iron ore deposits were traced under the waters of the small M-shaped lake, which lies about 30 miles north of the United States-Canada boundary, directly north of the largest United States iron ore fields in Minnesota.

Only 135 miles east of the new iron field, connected by a main railway line, is Port Arthur on Lake Superior, giving the new iron deposits cheap water transportation to the blast furnaces on Great Lake ports in both Canada and the United States.

It has long been known that there should be some iron deposits in that region. But how to locate the ore has baffled prospectors for the past 50 years.

Research came to the rescue when it was discovered that University of Toronto engineers under Dr. A. A. Brant had perfected equipment which would measure from a lake surface in winter time, the mineral content of ore far below the lake bottom.

The geophysicists had their equipment out on the lake ice in clear weather and storms, for only on the ice could they work. With portable electric power plants on the ice, they measured variations in electric current set up by metal electrodes placed in holes drilled through the two foot ice.

With magnetometer and torsion balance in an insulated portable

booth they made other measurements, plotted the results of all three methods on a map of the lake, and found four iron ore bodies under the lake.

Content Rate Of Ore High

Diamond drills were set up on the lake ice, casings were sunk through 150 feet of water, through 150 feet of clay and bedrock, and iron ore was struck with the diamond drills sent down inside the casings.

Wherever the electrically plotted map showed ore deposits the diamond drills corroborated the findings of the geophysicists. They found ore as far down as 2,400 feet, ore with iron content of 61 per cent, which is rated high in the iron and steel industry.

This year Canada hopes to see at least 750,000 tons of iron ore from under Steep Rock Lake, according to present production plans.

Should necessity of rapidly expanding war industries warrant, the lake is to be drained at a cost of \$2,000,000, the waters being diverted by means of a dam, and open pit mining to replace the tunneling operations under the lake.

Canada's official Government publication, "Canada 1940," in its chapter on the iron and steel industry holds that the development at Steep Rock Lake is "of national importance."

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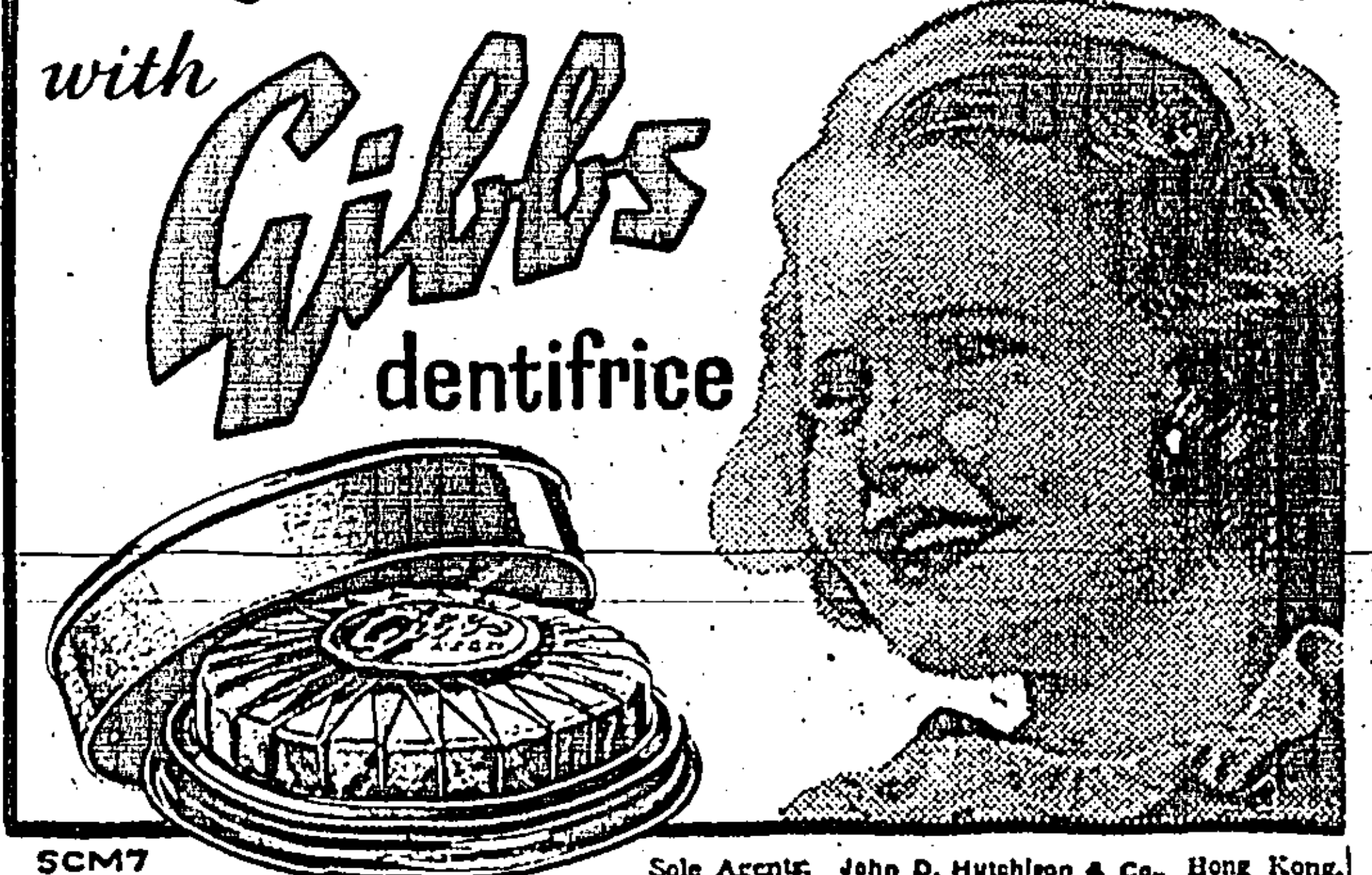
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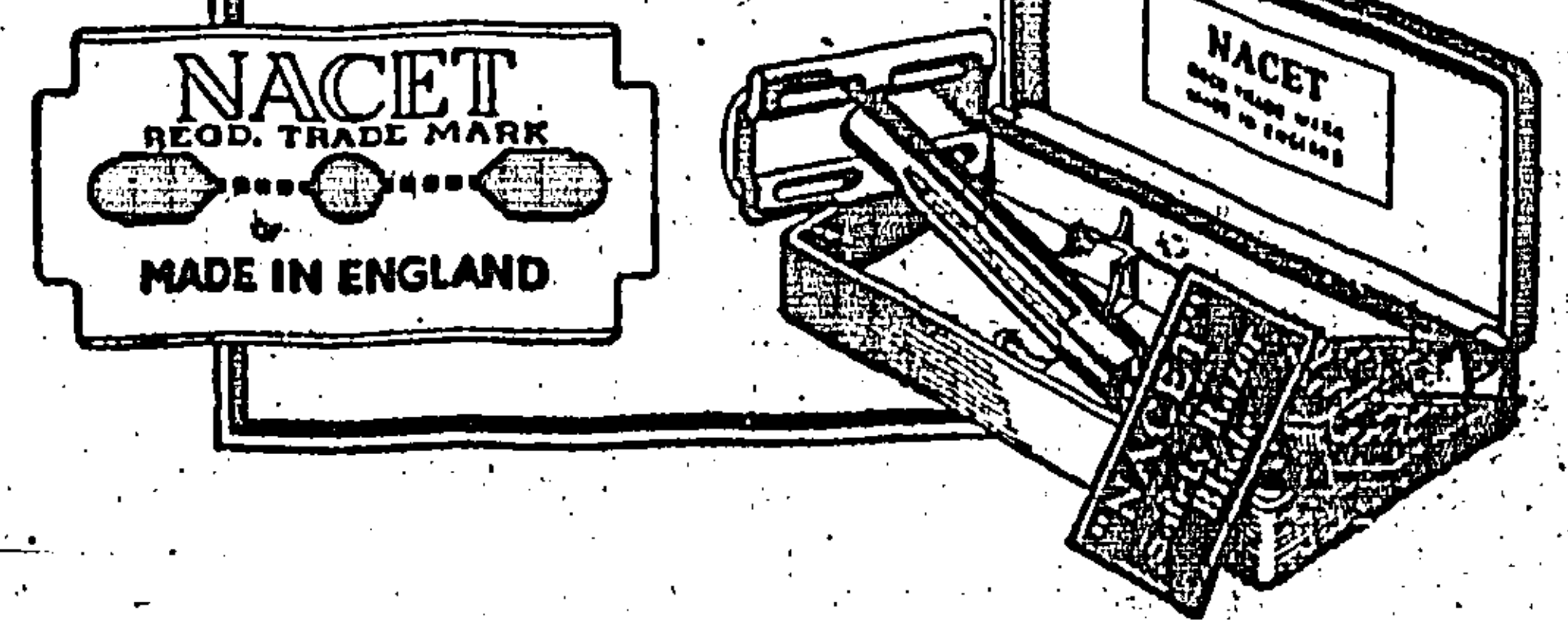
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BRIDGE NOTES

A London reader forwards an unusual and instructive deal, made by South at game all:

NORTH
S.—x x x
H.—K J x x x
D.—x
C.—A K x

WEST EAST
S.—x x S.—A Q x
H.—10 x H.—A Q x
D.—x x x D.—Q x x
C.—10 x x x x C.—Q J x x

SOUTH
S.—K J 10 x x
H.—x x
D.—A K J x x x
C.—None

The auction (which I fear I must stigmatise as atrocious) went—
South West North East
2D No 3H (!) No
2S No 4C (!) No
5D (!) No No Double
On a heart lead South was penalised 800 points. The sender considers the N.-S. hands an exposure of the losing count on the ground that "South has five losers and North seven losers, so that a small slam should be assured."

The first feature of the hand is an unusual form of that old bugbear "duplication of values". South reckons on ruffing a couple of clubs, and North reckons on making the very same pair of tricks with his A, K! The second feature is an unusual lack of cross-communications, considering how strong the N.-S. hands are; poor South was quite unable to get at North's clubs. The third feature is the reckless fashion in which N.-S. started the bidding at an eight-trick level and kept jumping it unnecessarily without discovering whether there was the least hope of a fit in a suit. North had no excuse for bidding 3H on the first round, as a misfit was very probable. His 4C bid was equally thoughtless, since it ended all hope of a 3NT contract, and he knew that South was weak or void in hearts, though he could not know that East held A, Q. Fourthly, neither North nor South seem to have mastered plastic valuation, for it is quite untrue to claim that their joint hands contained but twelve losers at diamonds.

The North hand has nine losers at diamonds, seven at hearts, and nine at no trumps. The South hand has five losers at diamonds, nine at no trump, and, say, seven at spades, considering that one heart and three clubs may demand to be ruffed with only five trumps headed by K, J, 10. So the losing count, properly applied, emerges with reasonable credit from the valuation, though a small slam in spades can be made on a club lead. The correct play of the diamond suit is a further point of interest, as the odds are in favour of the invisible six diamonds splitting 4-2. It remains to discuss how the hands should be bid, and my suggestions would be as follows:—

South.—1D. (The deal obviously lends itself to approach bidding.)

West.—Pass.

North.—1H. (It is true that he has only seven losers at hearts, but he is weak at any other denomination, and a force cannot possibly be justified till the general situation has been further illuminated.)

East.—Pass. (He is quietly licking his chops.)

South.—1S. (Still apprehensive of a frightful misfit.)

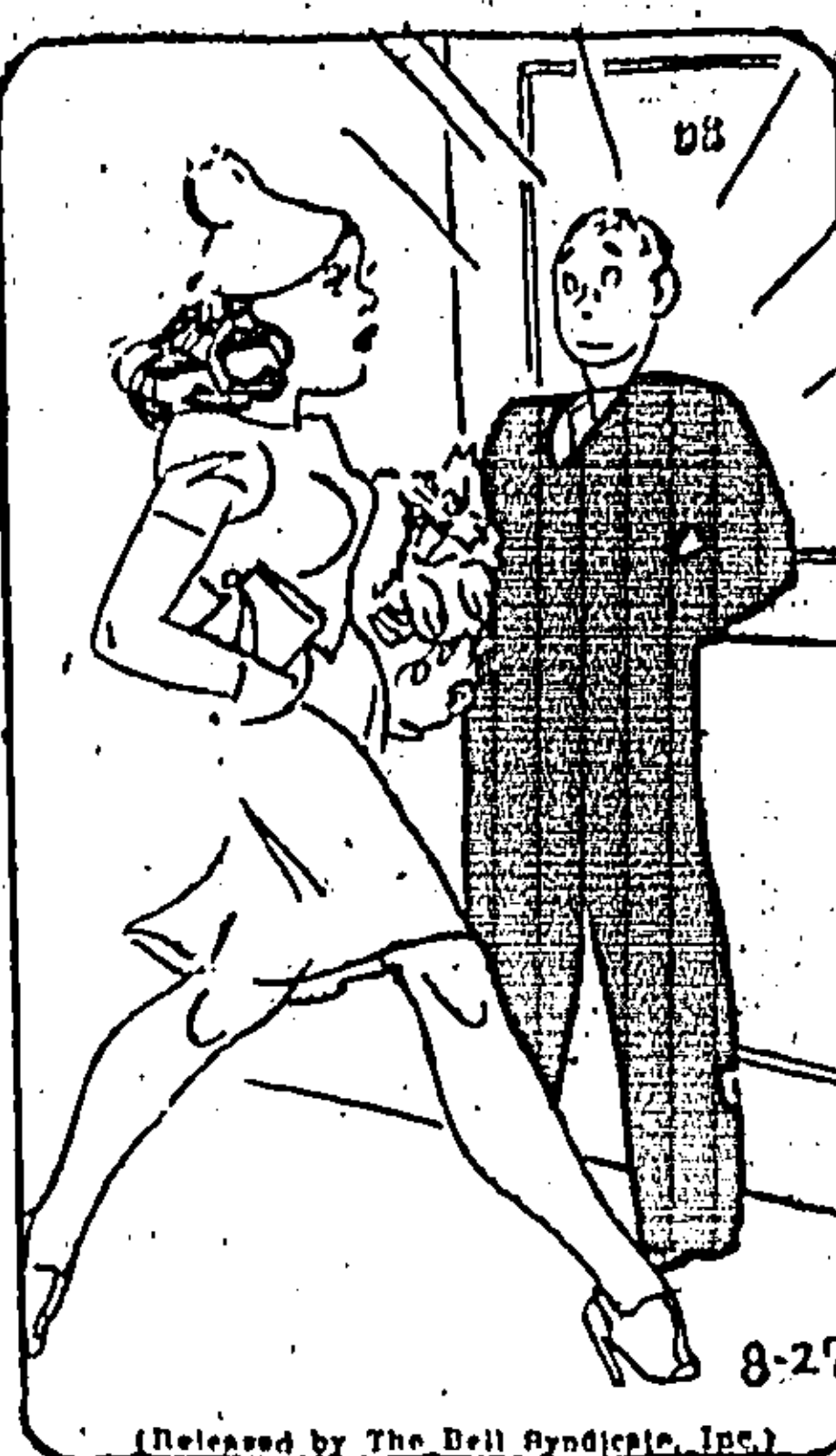
North.—2NT or 3H. (North has a thorny decision to make at this point. If he calls 2H it would be a sign-off at most systems. A bid of 3H crowds the auction and fails to show the club controls. I think that 2NT is perhaps the more informative of his two rational bids.)

East.—Pass. (He is getting happier every moment.)

South.—3D (over 2NT) or 3S (over 3H). (Another awkward bid.)

North.—3S (over 3D) or 4S (over 3S). (East ceases to gloat, as he dare not double 4S.)

The 4S contract is slightly anxious work for South against a heart lead, though he will, of course, make it. On a club lead he will make 6S.



The honeymoon is over when the groom finds his side of the family argument is the outside.

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ACCUSED OF TRYING TO TAKE OUT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM BANKNOTES TO THE VALUE OF £1,500 WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE TREASURY, MRS. MARIA HART, A WIDOW, AGED 59, OF ALBION GATE, HYDE PARK, WAS AT LIVERPOOL REMANDED IN CUSTODY.

Mr. J. R. Bishop, prosecuting said Mrs. Hart was arrested after she had made a very determined effort to board a liner bound for the United States.

She was asked how much money she had on her and replied that she had £30—£10 was for herself and £10 for each of her two grandchildren, aged five and seven, accompanying her.

She was handed over to a woman searcher. All that was found on her was £30.

Spoken to by a police officer, she admitted that she had more. Three bank notes, each of £500, were found on her.

She said: "I am sorry. I did it for the grandchildren. As I was not robbing anyone, I did not think it was so serious. It is my own money."

The stipendiary magistrate refused bail.

WOMEN WATCH FOR RAIDERS

The tiny Suffolk village of Benhall has organised its own corps of women observers, who, from sunrise to nightfall, watch out for parachutists.

The oldest of the volunteers is nearly 70, the youngest a girl of 17. Most of them are wives and mothers whose husbands work all day on the land and who belong to the L.D.V. At sunrise, the first woman watcher goes on duty, and every hour the patrol is changed. Mrs. A. C. Pepper, a farmer's wife, who is organising the volunteers in one part of the village, said to a reporter:

"The women are as keen as can be. Children at the village school have made us white armlets bearing the letters 'W.O.', meaning Women Observers. Every week we have a meeting over a cup of tea and work out a seven-day rota. There is only one thing we want now—binoculars or telescopes."

Twenty-year-old Diana Holland, chief organiser, said: "We are practical women, and some of us are crack shots, but they will not let us carry guns."

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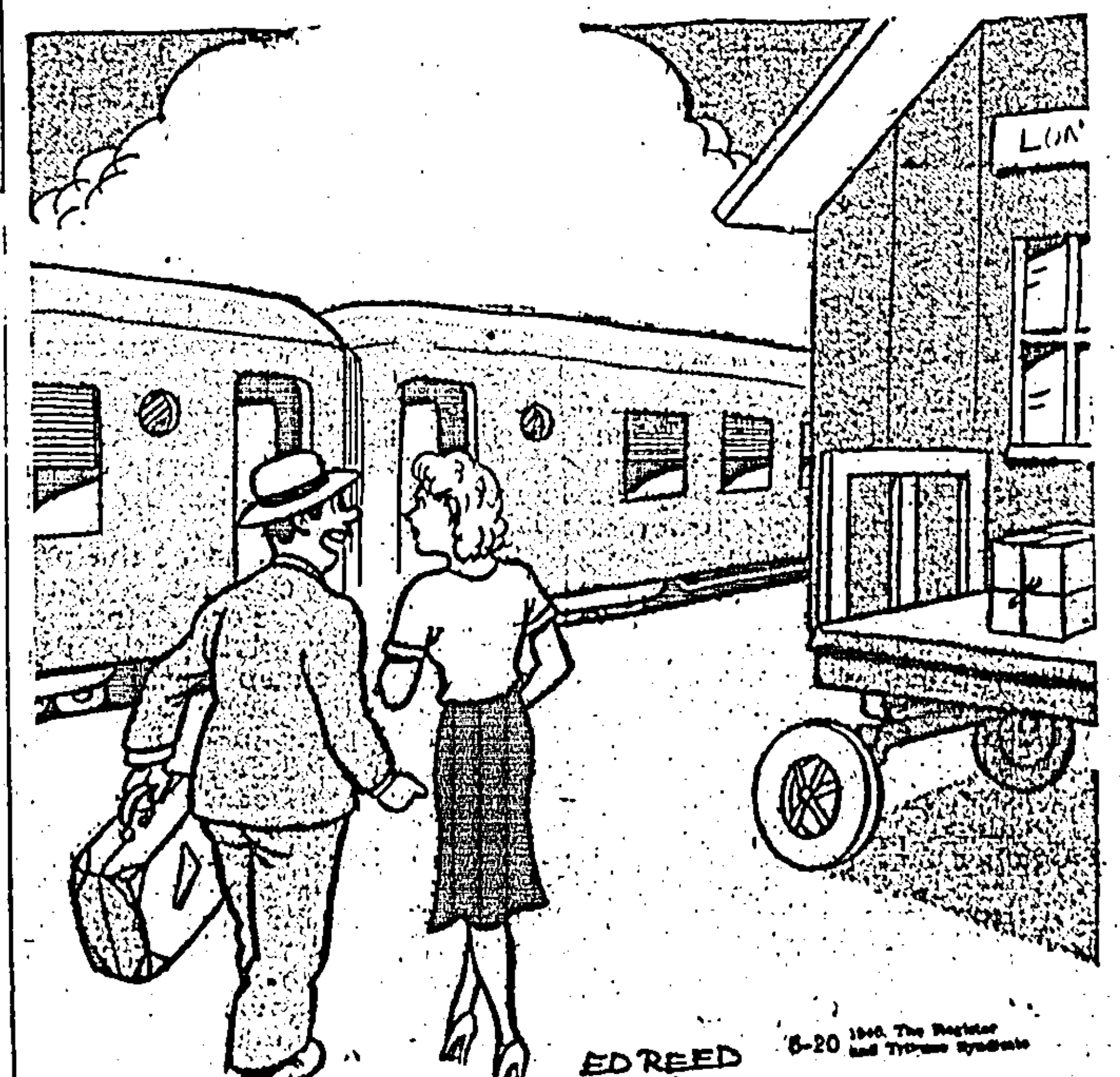
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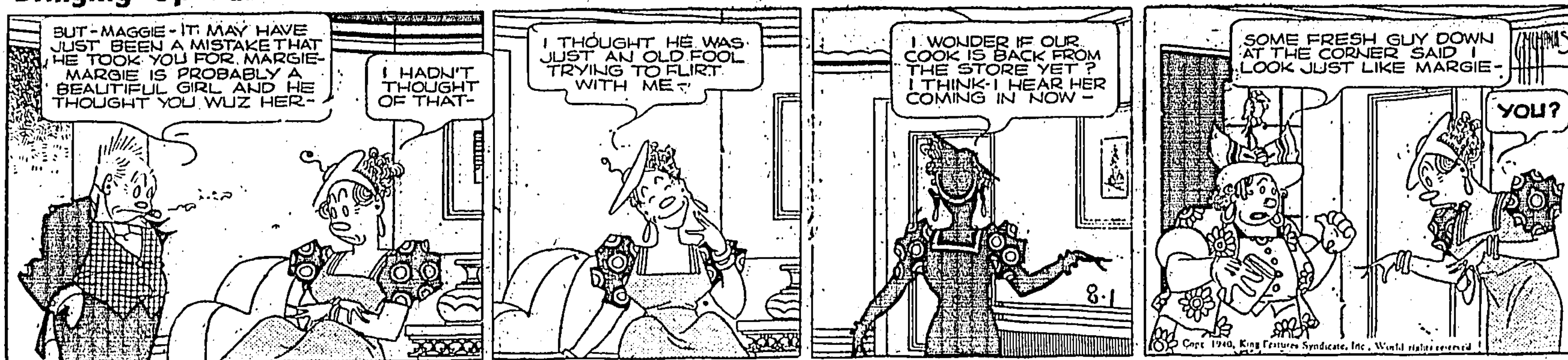
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Four Beauty Aids

So much is written for the younger beauty in the way of skin care, but it is the woman over forty who needs to heed complexion advice.

Aging skin (and skin ages quickly after thirty) requires specific and intelligent care. Deep pore cleansing is of greatest importance, to begin with. It takes a quickly liquefying cleansing preparation for the oily skin, and a more substantial cream mixture for the dry skin. Both should be followed by a washing with warm water and suds of a bland soap.

Next in order is an astringent. Here again you must purchase your aid with care—selecting a mild astringent for the dry skin and one which is more firming to the oily skin. Some cosmeticians advise that the astringent be used after the cleansing cream, with no soap and water shampoo between. You may experiment with your own skin and follow the method it reacts to with the better result.

Keep Skin Free Of Lines

Some skins at forty-plus have excellent texture. They have either been well cared for during the past ten years, or the owner has been blessed with very good health and few tribulations. Most women past forty require a rich lubricating cream to banish lines, or to prevent them from appearing. Such a cream is massaged in at night, or may be used after every soap washing, and before applying make-up. Of course, if you have been fortunate to find the perfect make-up foundation formula, then by all means use it. Otherwise, a little lubricating cream massaged into the skin thoroughly, serves admirably, especially if you are a devotee of a cream rouge.

Which Masque Do You Use?

For ages past women have resorted to masques to firm their facial muscles and to keep the



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pores from becoming enlarged. To-day a masque is as essential in any skin care, as in Cleopatra's time. Women who have the beauty of their skin at heart, should use a masque every ten days, or every two weeks. But do not allow your face muscles to depend too greatly on this firming

aid. Exercise it, and be conscious of lifting the tiny muscles when you smile, and keep them lifted as you go about your regular duties. If you allow them to droop, they will droop badly, and no masque will be able to lift them to pleasing, youthful lines.

Your Neck And Back

The majority of women have been schooled in keeping their throats well cared for but many pay no attention to their upper shoulders and back. Their upper shoulders should be creamed and firmed along with the face skin, and their backs should be scrubbed well with a bath brush and creamed at least twice a week.

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Four Exercises For Toe-Bar

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Second Exercise: With the toes still around the bar, stand erect and touch the floor with the heels several times.

Third Exercise: Place the heels on the bar and touch the floor several times with the toes.

Fourth Exercise: Massage the arch of one foot, then the other, for several minutes by rubbing the arch over the bar. Do this in a semi-circular motion, rubbing only the arch.

Note: If the foot develops a soreness, rest a few days, then begin exercises all over. This schedule may be followed both morning and night.

Care Of Your Feet

This same authority continues in his advice by telling us feet should be given well-fitting, but not snug-fitting shoes. We retard the blood supply to the feet if we wear too-tight stockings and shoes.

Every night or morning during your bath you should give the feet a thorough massage or brushing with a bath brush and rinse them with cool water. Dry well between the toes.

When you return home at the end of the day take off your shoes and stockings and run around barefoot before you bathe. Massage the toes well with a soothing cream, and pull each out so you can almost hear the tiny joints crack. The toes require forced exercise.

Make Toe-Bar For Your Home

Dr. Inches suggests that you have a local carpenter make a toe-bar for your home. This consists

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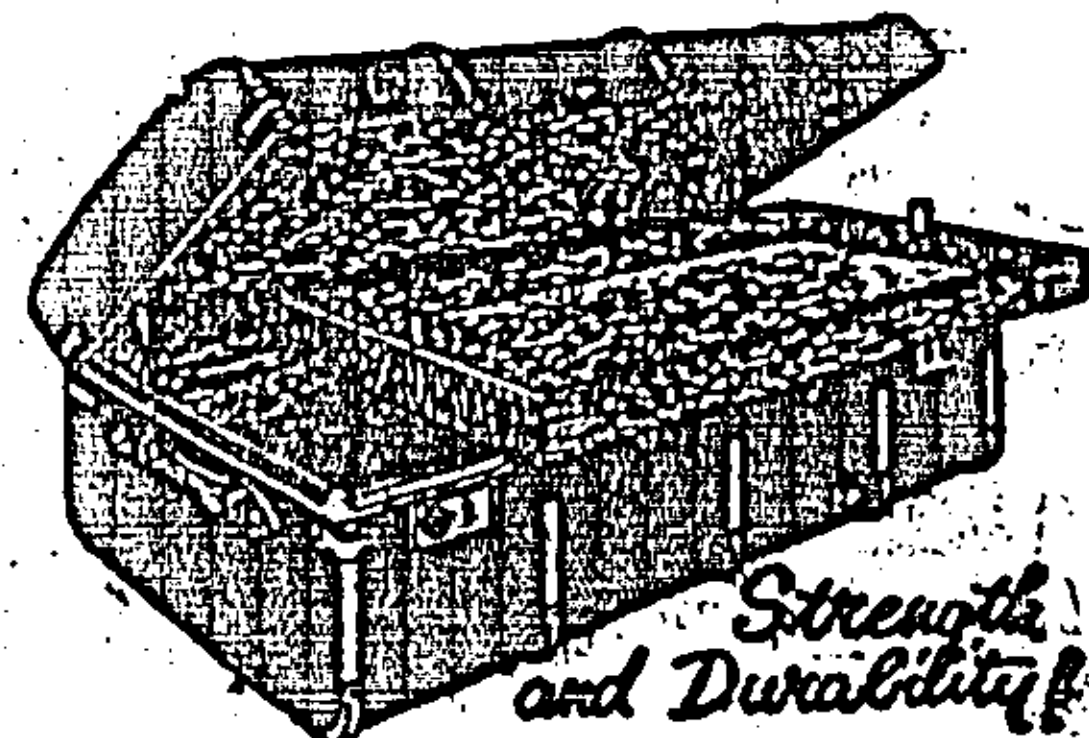
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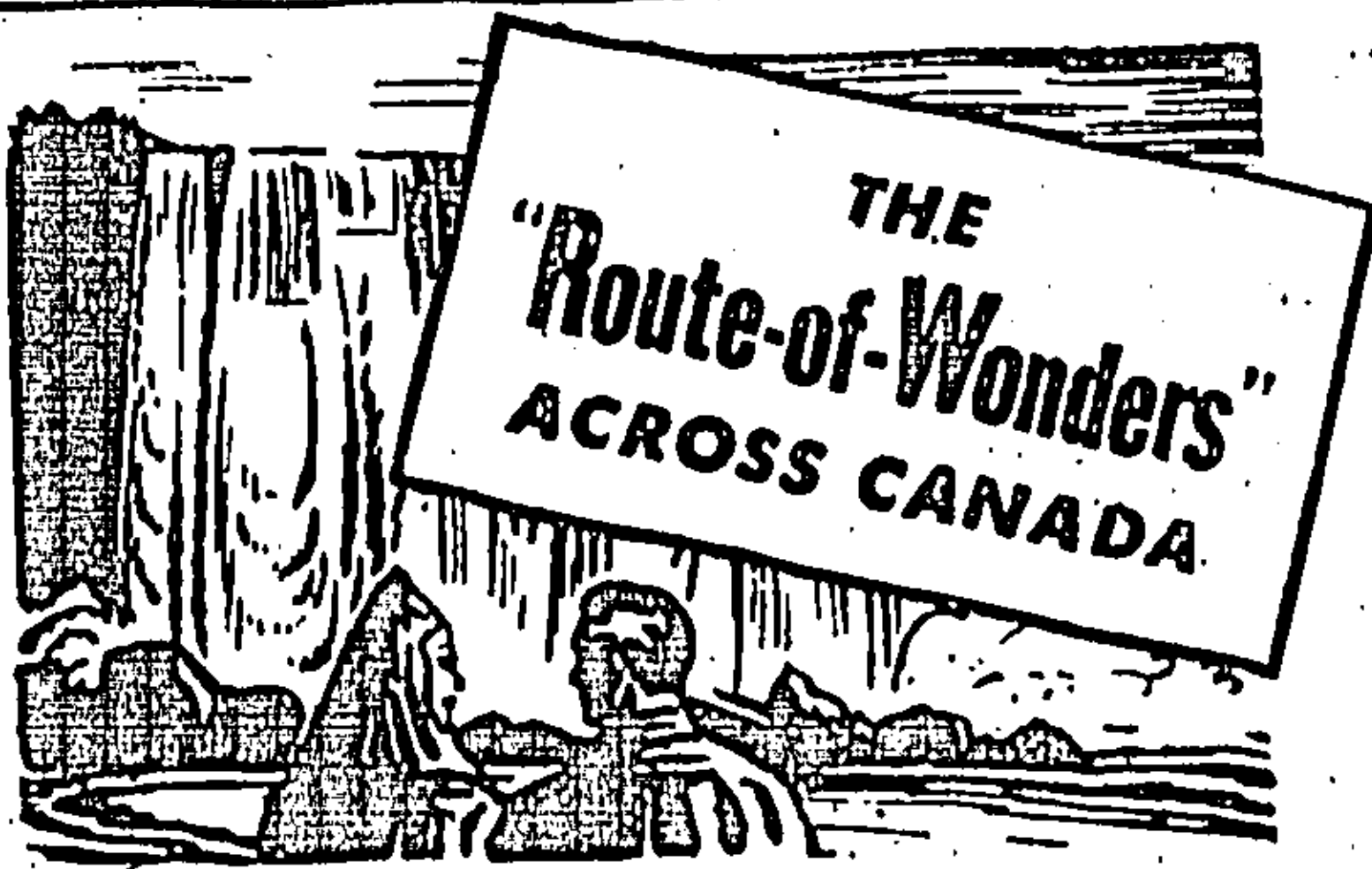
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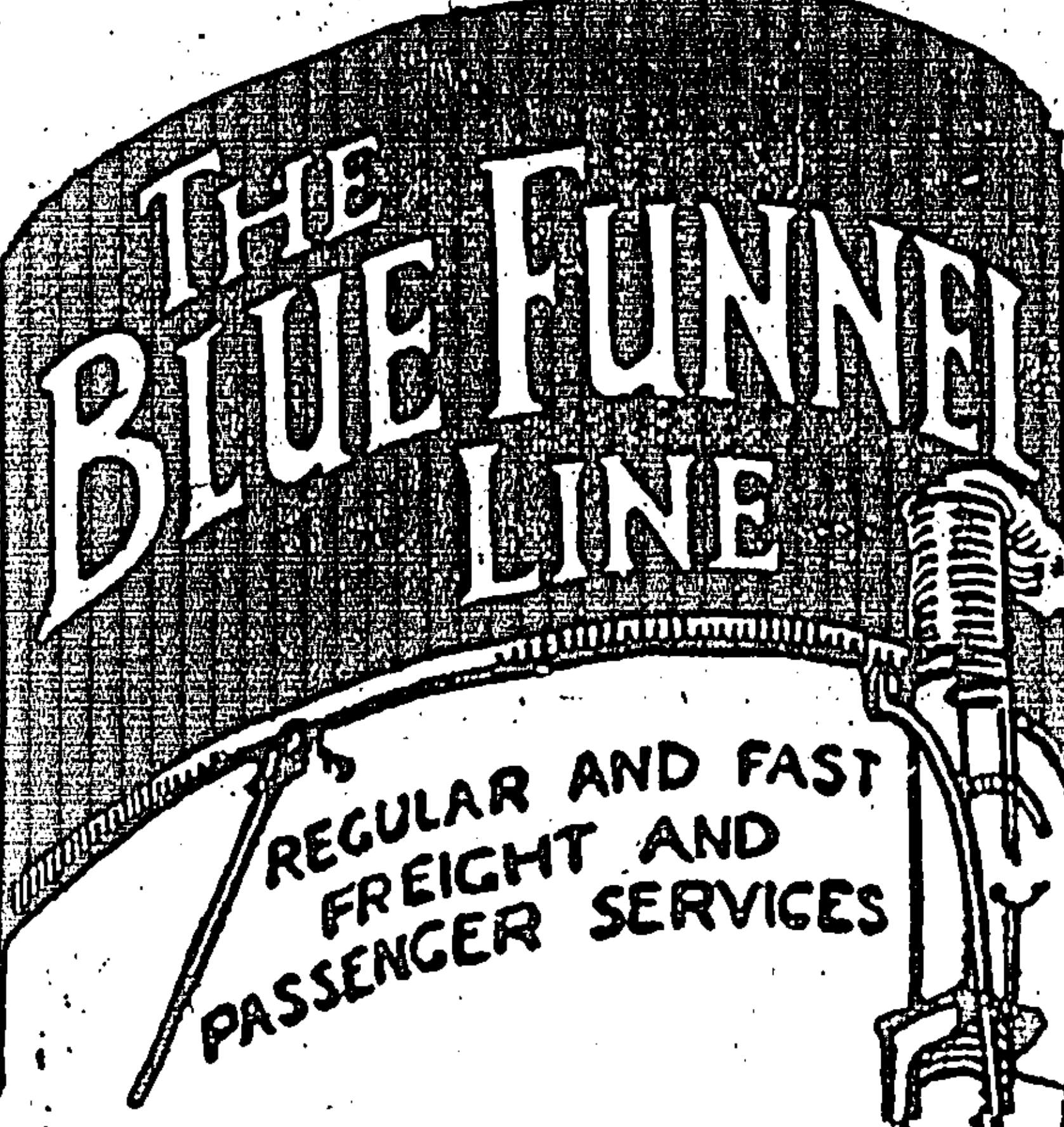
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1.03 p.m.—Dance Music.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Variety Programme.
6.00 p.m.—Variety with Grace Fields, Stan Holloway and Flotsam and Jetsam.
6.34 p.m.—Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra.
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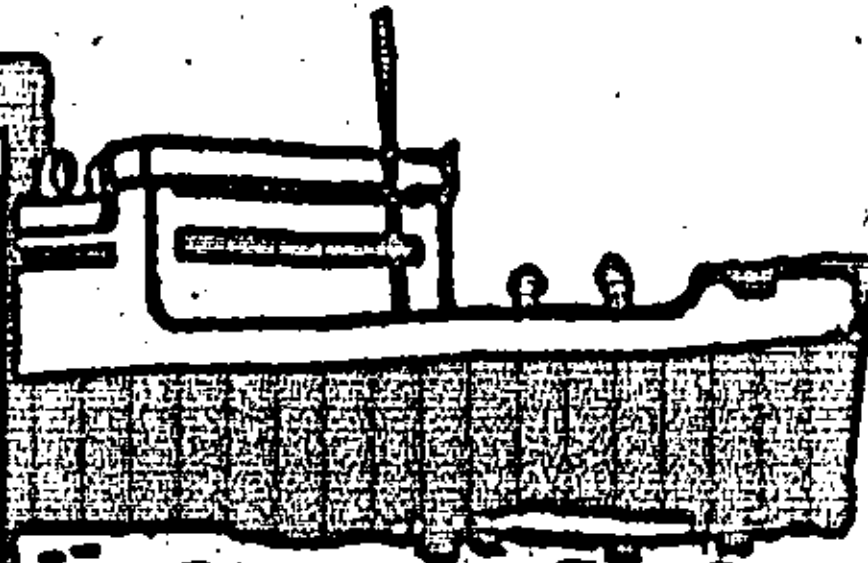
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CRICKET NOTES

Argumentative Points Crop Up In Game On Saturday

How Long Must Fielder Hold Ball For A Catch.

CAN BATSMAN PLAY BALL AND STILL BE L.B.W.?

By "Adrem"

CRICKET WAS PLAYED fairly extensively on Saturday and the season can now be said to be well under way, with some good matches in the offing for which to look forward.

The two big games on Saturday were those at Kowloon between the senior elevens of Kowloon Cricket Club and Recreio, and the Club-I.R.C. game at Chater Road.

One or two points that arose from the former match provide interesting argument if nothing else.

One of them is the length of time a fielder is required to hold a ball in order to catch a batsman. On Saturday Ernie Fincher ran in and held a ball from L. G. Gosano a few inches off the ground. He then staggered forward, off balance, and his hand touched the ground with the ball underneath. The umpire adjudged Gosano to be out but there was some discussion in the pavilion afterwards as to whether Fincher had had the ball in his hand long enough.

On this point Wisdens says: "If the ball, from a stroke of the bat or the hand, but not the wrist, be held before it touch the ground, although it be hugged to the body of the catcher—caught."

In this case Fincher definitely did hold the ball, in that his hand closed over it, so the umpire would seem to have ruled correctly.

Other Point

The other point which cropped up referred to the l.b.w. rule and is one that has been a source of worry to one of the most prominent cricketers in K.C.C. for some seasons. On Saturday Ozorio was given out l.b.w. to a ball which he had played. Whether or not the umpire was aware of the fact that it had been played is not known.

The contention of the cricketer mentioned above, however, is that even if the ball is played, as long as the umpire believes the ball would have hit the wicket in conformity with the l.b.w. rule the batsman is out.

His argument is based on the fact that in the rule covering l.b.w., no mention is made of a batsman being not out if the ball is first played and in Special Instructions for First-Class Umpires in Inter-County Matches 1939 it states specifically that "The Striker shall not be given out l.b.w. if the ball has touched his bat or hand before hitting his person," and so the suggestion is that, in ordinary cricket the striker should be given out.

I will reproduce the l.b.w. rule for those who are not familiar with its wording:

"If with any part of his person (except his hand) which is between wicket and wicket he (the

batsman) intercept a ball, which in the opinion of the umpire at the bowler's wicket, shall have been pitched in a straight line from the bowler's wicket to the striker's wicket or shall have been pitched on the off-side of the striker's wicket and would have hit it—Leg Before Wicket."

It is true that the foregoing does not state specifically that the batsman is not out if he plays the ball before it strikes his person but a subsequent law provides for him to guard his wicket after having played the ball and it could always be argued, as in the case of Ozorio, that having played the ball he realised it was "going on to his wicket which he "guarded" with his pad. Of course we know that it is impossible for a man, however bright he may be, to make judgments as fast as that but for the purpose of legal argument the rule is there and covers him. Here it is:

"If the ball be struck, or be stopped by any part of his person and he wilfully strike it again except it be done for the purpose of guarding his wicket, which he may do with his bat or any part of his person, except his hand—Hit the Ball Twice."

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB TEAMS

The following will represent Kowloon at cricket on Saturday:
Versus Royal Scots (Home):—S. A. Gray (Capt.), E. Curtis, G. A. V. Hall, R. T. Fenton, H. Brokenshire, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, W. Parsons, G. A. Goodban, B. D. Lay, F. J. Lay, Umpire, H. Overy; Score, T. W. Carr.

Versus Police (Away):—D. Hung, W. L. Rapley, A. Zimmerman, J. R. Luke, W. Mills, F. Crabbe, J. W. Bertram, G. W. Giffen, T. O. Morgan, L. R. Burch, R. Leigh.

SUNDAY

Versus Army (Home) at 11 a.m.:—E. C. Fincher (Capt.), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, N. A. E. Mackay, D. Hung, W. L. Rapley, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, R. T. Broadbridge, R. Baldwin, S. A. Gray, Umpire, J. P. Robinson; Scorer, T. W. Carr.

Tom Yawkey, owner of the Red Sox, is against hits and errors being flashed on the scoreboard. Yawkey claims such information makes players too base-hit conscious, and takes their minds off the game. He has forbidden the innovation at Fenway Park.

GAIRDNER SHINES IN RUGBY TRIAL

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

CLUB'S RUGBY TRIAL YESTERDAY, HANDICAPPED BY A LATE START AND A SLIGHTLY SLIPPERY BALL, WAS NOT QUITE THE SUCCESS ANTICIPATED.

Players not on view were Bidwell, Stout, Stark, Redman, Thomas, Moore, Jones and Needham (who is a sunburn victim), while Gairdner, Davies, Lee and Wilson were the only reserves to turn out.

Of the few newcomers I liked Clemo's service from the base of the scrum, and he appears certain to fill the scrum-half position in all "A" matches. He is a product of Bedford School. Davies looks promising, but has not settled down as yet.

Gairdner played a robust game in Stripes' pack and a place should be found for him among the first fifteen forwards. His weight would be invaluable in the second row. Hackett gave a much more promising display than ever he did last season, and it would not surprise me in the least to see him playing in the second row on Saturday.

Stripes opened the scoring when Aitkenhead broke through and headlessly passed to Charter, who went over in the corner. Charter failed to convert and the interval arrived with Stripes leading 3-0. In the second half Davies, who changed places with Day, went into Whites' pack to allow Taylor to come out into the back division and Dunnett changed places with Castleton.

Bosanquet, Stewart, Thomson, as the result of a perfect cut through, Bosanquet, who evaded five players in a dazzling run, and Stewart scored between the posts, and the only kick taken, after Thomson's score, was by Castleton (of Whites), who failed dismally from in front of the posts.

Teams were:

STRIPES—Thompson; Stewart, Davies, Charter and Bosanquet; Aitkenhead and Thomson; Lee, Castleton, Mooney, Gairdner, Benn, Birt and Dalziel.

COLOURS—Wilson; Carruthers, Day and Van Leeuwen; Morgan and Clemo; Heasman, Dunnett, McCrea, Kennedy, Hackett, Taylor and Godfrey.

Easy Win For Police

In a friendly Rugby game at Boundary Street yesterday Police beat 5th A.A. Battery, Royal Artillery, by five tries (15 points) to nil.

Howlett, the soccer player, played a good game at back for Police, while Taylor was the pick of the threequarters. Wall was outstanding in a sound pack.

The Gunners played well, but they ruined many chances by being offside. Heath played a very good game at forward.

Taylor (2), Wall (2) and Oakley scored unconverted tries for Police.

Club Teams

Club teams selected to meet Army on Saturday are:

1st XV.—Thompson; Bosanquet, Charter, Day and Stewart; Aitkenhead and Thomson; Heasman, Dunnett, Kennedy, Hackett, Gairdner, Godfrey, Taylor and McCrea.

"A" XV.—Hopkins; Wilson, Carruthers, Jones and Van Leeuwen; Morgan and Clemo; Stout, Castleton, Lee, Benn, Moodie, Davies, Birt and Thomas.

Only criticism to offer is Aitkenhead at stand-off in place of Charter. Day is playing in place of Bidwell and Dunnett deserves his promotion on yesterday's showing and in the absence of Burford.

V.R.C. INQUIRY INTO SOUTH CHINA PROTEST

By "Adrem"

THE BREAKING of a 27 year-old record was not the only sensational happening in the Annual Harbour Race this year. Yesterday saw the culmination of another, the rejection of protest by the South China Athletic Association against alleged intentional obstruction by J. Marques, of V.R.C. against Miss Lee Po-luen, who finished second to Miss Celeste Guterres, who also established a record.

Throughout the long history of the harbour race there has never been a parallel case and it is unfortunate from every point of view that it should have cropped up.

An Inquiry held at Victoria Recreation Club, under whose auspices the harbour race is swum, yesterday found Marques guilty of neither intention nor fouling and he was exonerated.

I don't propose to discuss yesterday's hearing or to produce fully the evidence on both sides but I will say that as the "court" was constituted argument would have gone on all night without any progress being made had not Mr. Barretto called a halt at about 7.30.

It was apparent that nothing would shake members of both sides from their convictions and there was no point in going further.

A brief summing up of the hearing is as follows:—Miss Lee said that a few minutes after diving off from Kowloon she felt someone pulling her leg and, turning round saw Marques. About half-way across the harbour she was obstructed by a sampan in which there were some people shouting to Marques and Miss Guterres. Questioned later she stated that she thought the sampan was deliberately blocking her although she admitted that there were only sampan people on board.

Miss Lee was rather doubtful as to the positions of the various swimmers on approaching the ramp which extends beyond the V.R.C. clubhouse but maintained that as she approached the ramp she was in front of Marques and Miss Guterres. On breasting the ramp she alleged that Marques swam across her several times forcing her to change her course and she arrived at the seawall three and a half strokes (breast) behind Miss Guterres.

Miss Lee said she had no doubt that Marques deliberately obstructed her.

Other witnesses provided little evidence of value as their stories tallied on very few points and argument occurred frequently between them as to the positions of the swimmers at various stages. There appears to be little doubt, however, that Marques did obstruct Miss Lee at least once.

Although it was irrelevant, Mr. Barretto, to satisfy Miss Guterres' supporters that she had won on merit, established that Miss Guterres actually gained on Miss Lee from the time they turned into the straight and there was no suggestion of obstruction.

From my own viewpoint, I think South China were at fault in bringing a charge in that it placed Miss Lee, after all little more than a child, in a most unenviable position at the inquiry; Miss Lee herself gave evidence in a very unsatisfactory manner—her suggestion that Marques pulled her leg "a few seconds after the start" being ridiculous and her contention that a sampan, with only the crew on board, deliberately blocked her, savouring of an obstruction "complex," her description of the incidents at the finish were so vague as to tell little or nothing.

Other witnesses, although they were doubtful when pinned down to give descriptions of the exact positions of the swimmers when the alleged incidents occurred, were obviously sincere and, as there was no argument from the

defence when it was stated that there were shouts (to Marques) of "keep out", from the V.R.C. clubhouse, it can be accepted that obstruction did take place.

Marques denied knowledge of obstruction so the question of intention did not arise. I certainly believed him when he said he had "pulled no legs on his way over." I also agreed with him when he said that if he had wanted to obstruct he would not have been so mad as to have done it—as alleged by South China—just after the start and just before the finish, and it does seem incredible that anyone would wittingly do what Marques was alleged to have done in full view of hundreds of people.

In conclusion therefore one must sympathise with Miss Lee and South China for natural disappointment at having lost a race, whether Marques' unintentional—for that we must call it—obstruction would have made any difference was proved to be extremely doubtful; we must also sympathise with Marques for being given a great deal of undesirable publicity through over-zealousness in his task of "keeping an eye" on Miss Guterres, but to try and prove either intentional fault or innocence from all blame is something it would take a Solomon to decide and so the whole subject is best forgotten. One thing is certain Marques will have learned to be less thoughtless in the future.

INTERPORT ALL FIXED

By "Adrem"

Landing permits from the local Police authorities having been secured yesterday for the visiting Swimming Interport team, and information to this effect having been cabled to Manila, there is now nothing to do but wait for the arrival of the Manilans.

I was informed by Mr. A. O. Barretto last night that a party of 22 swimmers—14 men and 8 women—were expected on a Japanese liner on Tuesday and the Interport contest would be decided over three days—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Times for starting would be 6.07 p.m. for the first two days and 9.07 p.m. on the Friday.

Prices of admission to reserved seats will be \$2.20 for the first two days and \$3.30 for the third day, with season tickets costing \$7. A limited number of these tickets are now available and may be purchased at the clubhouse.

The Interport dinner will take place on Saturday, starting at 8 p.m. and, I understand, the Manilans will be leaving for home the following day.

COLOURS AWARDED TO UNIVERSITY ATHLETES

Colours have been awarded a number of Hong Kong University undergraduates who represented the University in the athletic meet against Lingnan on October 10.

Colours have been awarded to V. Zaltzeff, J. Fenton, Frederick Kwai, E. Mazuz, S. Singh, T. T. Chin, G. Schiller, N. Singh, T. S. Wang, C. C. Chen, P. K. Toheng, O. V. Cheung, and Misses K. Grant, C. Kotewall, B. Greaves, A. Safflad and S. Patushinsky.

The University Badminton Club has awarded badminton colours to Miss Ungoh Khoo, H. F. Chew, S. L. Yong and M. S. Lim.

The University Swimming Club has awarded swimming colours to Charles Huang, W. S. Gogo and Miss Peggy Ma.

DOCTOR CLAIMS SUGAR HELPS GOLF PLAYERS

WHILE FIRST CLASS and International standard golf naturally depends largely on expert use of the clubs, it also depends to a large extent on the degree of sugar content in the blood of a golfer, according to a study just completed by Dr. Paul Michael, of Oakland City, California.

In his report to the American Medical Association, Dr. Michael submitted that if a golfer carried fewer spare balls around the course with him and replaced them with a supply of sugar to eat while playing, his scores would be greatly improved.

Tests Made By Doctor

A series of tests were made on 30 golfers ranging from 30 to 45 years of age and possessing handicaps of 10 to 27. The eating of sugar during their playing enabled them to reduce their handicaps considerably. The tests were conducted by taking average golfers, letting them start their round after lunch and taking a blood sample after each hole. As far as possible the studies were performed under normal conditions, with the exception that they were not permitted to smoke during the tests. These tests showed that the sugar content in their blood reached its height when players were at the fifth hole. At the seventh hole the sugar level was on the decline, and from the 11th to the 15th it was so low that the men might not have had their lunch, the survey showed.

Sugar, according to Dr. Michael, which is quickly absorbed, creates energy, which instead of being stored up as some other elements are, is quickly expended and needs constant replenishing when more than the usual amount of energy is being called upon.

It is suggested that candy, or sugar be taken after the seventh hole, which will relieve fatigue, create new energy and rounds into form both muscles and nerves for continuing the successful fight against high handicaps.

DEMPSEY SAYS "COMEBACK" ONLY HIS JOKE

Jack Dempsey's "comeback" attempts are over. In Montreal on a recent visit Dempsey finally confessed that his recent fights were more in fun than anything else.

The 45-year-old ex-heavyweight champion said he would stick to refereeing as far as ring activities for him were concerned, for 45 is too old for fighting.

"I guess maybe I've been a little foolish about this comeback stuff," he said in an interview. "I'm too old to make a comeback. All my friends have been telling me I'd better quit before I get hurt and I guess maybe they're right."

Dempsey claimed that he was still in good physical shape and said he thought he could "lick some of those bums" that are fighting now, but that that was beside the point. He never intended to try a comeback and the whole thing was just a joke.

"Somebody suggested I fight this Cowboy Luttrell after we'd had a bit of an argument over a wrestling bout I was refereeing, so I decided what the hell, I'd fight anybody just for the fun of it. So I fought this guy Luttrell. Then the offers started to pour in and what could I do but accept them. It was picking up money and who's going to turn down easy dough?" he said.—Reuter.

JIMMY BRADDOCK TRYING COMEBACK

Boxing fans in Kansas City were unanimous last week in predicting that Jimmy Braddock, former heavyweight king, would not go very far in his comeback campaign.

Braddock last night swapped punches with Jack Llague of San Antonio, Tex., in a four-round exhibition bout, and at the end of the fight, fans agreed that Jim was but a shadow of his former self.



YACHTING RESULTS

Jenn (C. J. Tarr) won yesterday's mixed classes yacht race held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club over 9.2 miles.

Yacht	Finished	Sailed by	
Jenn	4.32.37	(C. J. Tarr)	1
Joss	4.33.59	(G. E. Neve)	2
Gull	4.35.17	(A. O. C. Mills)	3
Isobel	4.36.28½	(R. L. Berridge)	4
Koala	4.36.51½	(Mrs. M. Johnson)	5
Zephyr	4.40.54	(W. A. Ingram)	6
Wendy	D. N. F.		
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course in one minute 2-1-2 seconds.

It was the second time this season that Ward had broken the world record for this class of motorboat. In 1938 he drove the same craft to a world record of 55.396 m.p.h. and in July he raised it to 56.692 m.p.h. at Havre de Grace, Maryland.

CAPABLANCA ANXIOUS TO PLAY AGAINST ALEKHINE FOR TITLE

Jose R. Capablanca, of Cuba, who held the chess championship of the world for seven years, has arrived in New York anxious for another series for the title with Dr. Alexander Alekhine. However, since the fall of France to the Germans, Dr. Alekhine's whereabouts are unknown over here; the last that was heard of him being shortly before the fall of Paris, when efforts by him to arrange a chess exhibition under the National Chess Centre in London failed.

Dr. Alekhine had become a French citizen as a Russian expatriate following the accession to power of the Soviets. Until a few years ago he was a welcome visitor to German chess circles, having defeated E. D. Bogoljubow, another Russian expatriate.

Capablanca, who is to remain

ATTEMPT TO JAPONISE BASEBALL MEETS SNAGS

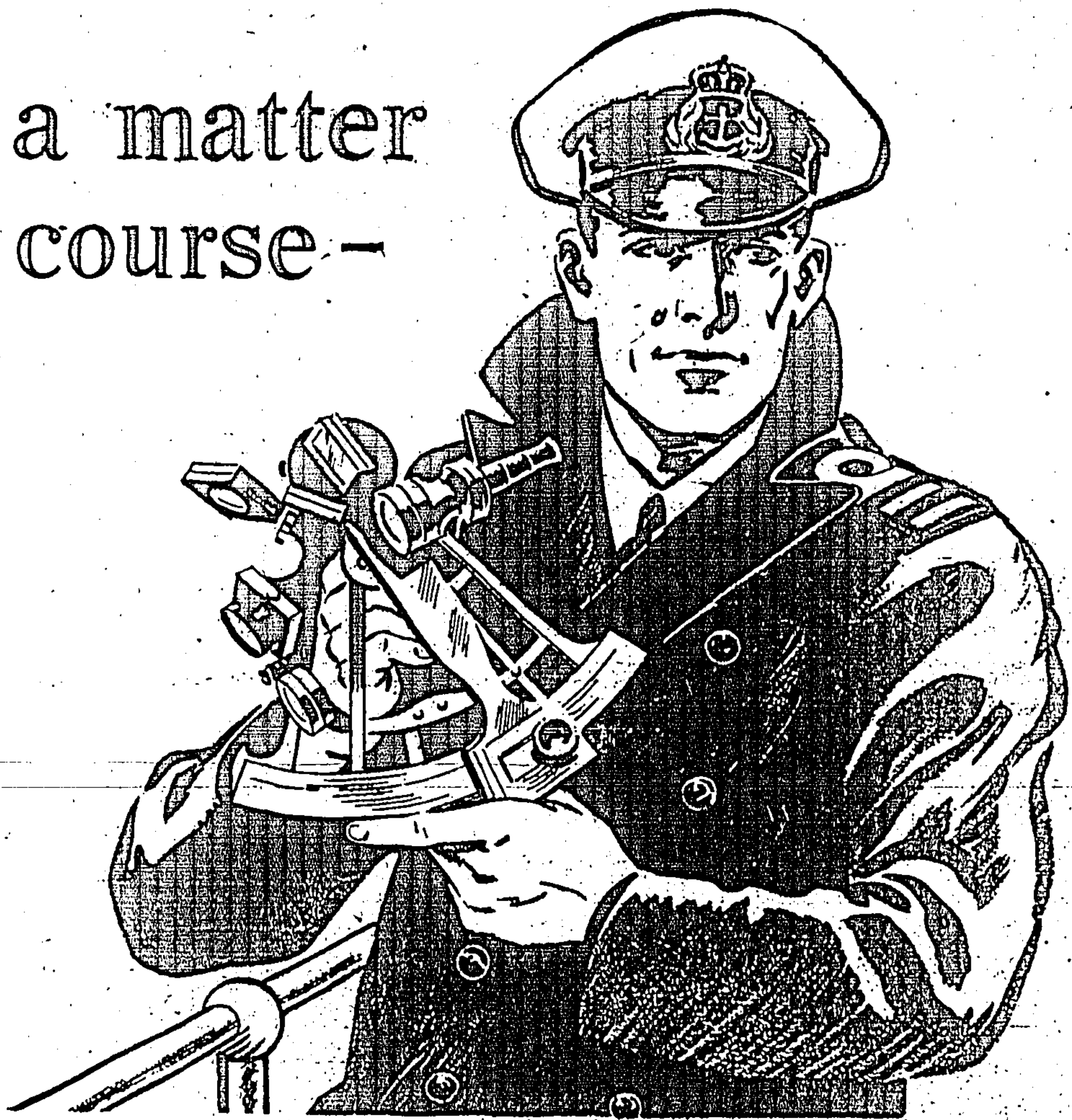
The movement to Japonise baseball by shedding all English words and phrases pertaining to the game, has struck a serious snag, the "Asahi" reports. Baseball moguls in Japan are stumped in their search for the Japanese equivalents for "safe" and "out."

Two of the leading professional nines are going ahead with the programme, however. As a first step in the right direction, they have dropped their English, and are adopting Japanese names.

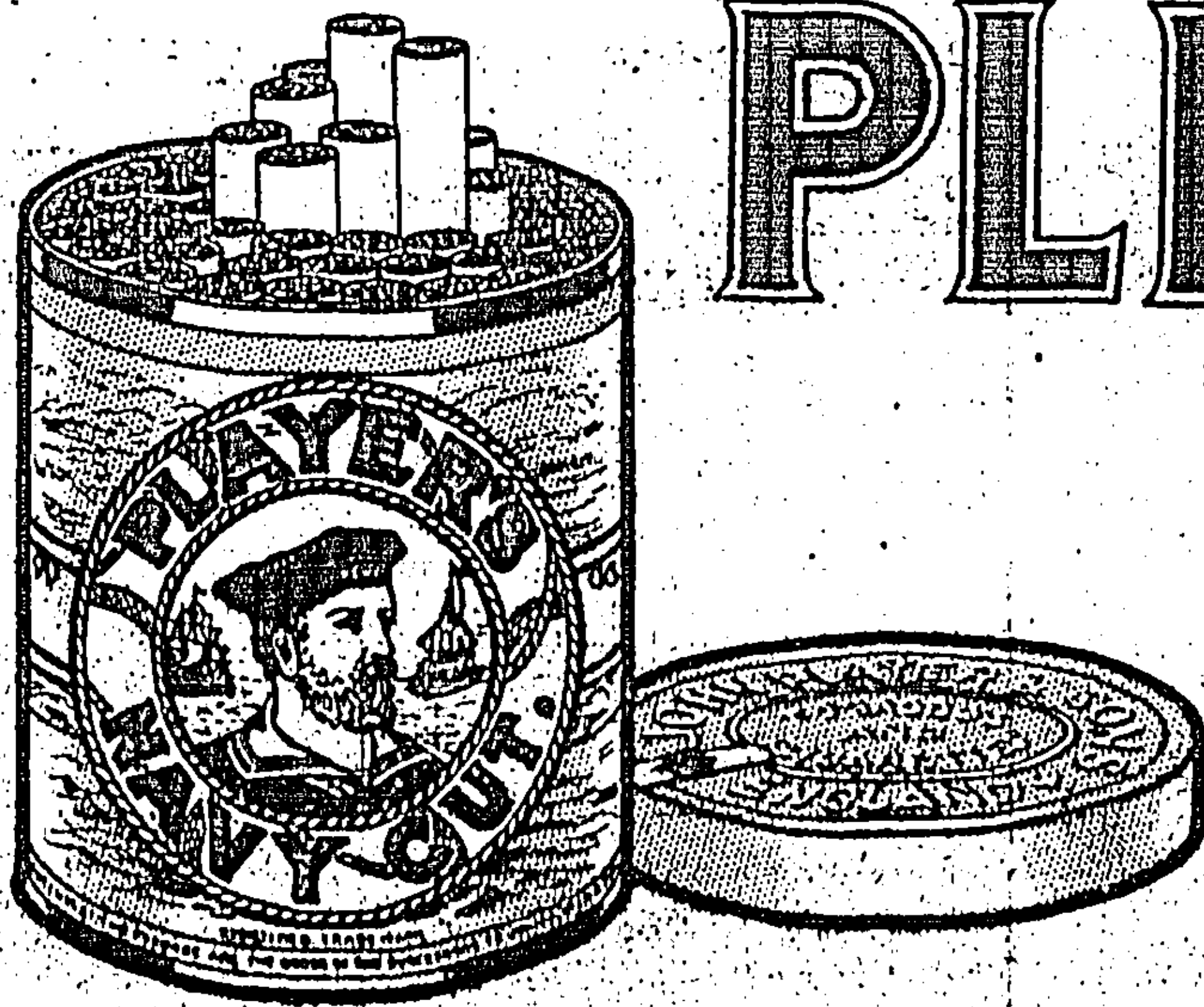
Thus, the Tigers have become the Keihin-gun, or Tokyo-Yokohama team, while the Eagles have become the team of Wild Eagles, or Arawashi-gun.—Havas.

in New York for some time, is hopeful that it may be possible to arrange a match with Dr. Alekhine at some future date, provided the latter is available and amenable to the idea.—Reuter.

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PLAYER'S PLEASE



"It's the
Tobacco that
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AFTER NIGHT FURY

Little Hun Air Activity In Daylight Yesterday

MOSLEM DAY OF PRAYER

All branches of the Moslem League throughout the Punjab have been instructed to observe November 1 as a special day of prayer for the safety, integrity and independence of Islamic countries. —Reuter.

YOUNG AMERICA REGISTERS

Throughout the United States yesterday young America registered at the rate of over a million an hour for possible service with the United States first peacetime draft for the Army.

Park Avenue millionaires joined Bowery tramps in New York as men between the ages of 21 and 35 queued up to obey the Conscription Law.

Two of President Roosevelt's sons, John and Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., were among those who signed on. —Reuter.

London Left Severely Alone

THERE WAS HARDLY any enemy air activity over Britain yesterday, according to reports received hitherto, states a communique issued by the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security.

Bombs were reported only in one coast town in Scotland and at one point in the West Country. No damage or casualties were reported.

While full particulars are not yet available it seems clear that despite the widespread and quite wanton bombing of civilians in London on Tuesday night, the number of killed, though larger than in recent raids, was considered less than the earlier raids of last month.

Yesterday morning an enemy float plane was shot down by Coastal Command fighters. —Reuter.

JAPAN BUYS HEAVILY

American exports to Japan were more than doubled during the month of August, with the dollar value amounting to \$25,188,000 or \$13 million more than in August, 1939, according to figures issued by the Department of Commerce in Washington yesterday.

Exports for the first eight months of 1940 amounted to \$147,497,000, approximately \$12 million over the comparable period last year. —Reuter.

BALANCE OF AMBULANCE FUND IN ONE DONATION

The balance of the sum needed to meet the cost of Hong Kong's first ambulance for use in England has been contributed by Mr. A. ("Jimmy") Landau, of Jimmy's Kitchen.

Mr. Landau read the announcement in the "China Mail" yesterday that \$5,127 has been received for the special object of supplying ambulances and that the total cost of "HONG KONG I" was \$5,800.

It is Mr. Landau's birthday tomorrow. He will be 68 and he has contributed, through the "China Mail" to whom he handed his cheque this morning, \$10 for every year of his age, \$680.

This is sufficient to meet the balance to cover the purchase of the first ambulance and to start the second on its way.

THE 'CHAOS' OF LONDON SEEN IN LIGHT OF DAY

(Continued from Page 1)

Smoke was rising from one of London's biggest electric power stations but it was coming from chimneys and workmen were just emerging from their lunch.

Business As Usual

I stopped at a roadside cafe for a quick lunch. The milkman and baker had called but the proprietor had words with the butcher, who was half an hour late.

Mothers passed with shopping bags. Dockland was far from dead.

In the City, businesses and banks were carrying on as usual.

Tails Up

All over the dozen London districts I toured there was evidence of bomb damage, old and new, but what struck me was that Londoners had got the measure of the latest attack on their homes as quickly as they did in the first mass attack in September and those every night since, and were hard at work putting matters straight or carrying on with their ordinary work. —Reuter.

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TRAIN DISASTER "TRIPE"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A German claim to have wrecked a troop train during yesterday's air raids on Britain was termed in London "tripe."

The Air Ministry reports that the only train incident yesterday was the machine-gunning by a lone raider of a freight train near the Welsh border. The train was not hit and there were no casualties.

Berlin yesterday depicted the "destruction of a troop transport train in England, with the probable deaths of hundreds of British soldiers," as the outstanding incident in the daylong air attacks which are mounting steadily in scope and fury.

Dive-bombing Stukas, Berlin asserted, attacked a troop train in the Midlands, scoring several direct hits.

The locomotive exploded, according to Berlin, and coaches were telescoped and overturned in the ditch.—International News

Enormous German Cherbourg Casualties

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE SPECTACULAR SURPRISE ATTACK BY BRITISH WARSHIPS, IN WHICH A GERMAN CONVOY OF THREE SUPPLY SHIPS AND TWO ESCORT VESSELS WAS WIPED OUT, FOLLOWS A SHATTERING BRITISH NAVAL BOMBARDMENT WHICH HAMMERED SECTIONS OF DUNKIRK INTO FIERY DESTRUCTION WHILE R.A.F. RAIDS LINED THE GERMAN-CONQUERED CONTINENTAL COAST WITH FLAMING DEBRIS.

The destruction of the convoy, in which three torpedoes crippled a large German supply ship, presumably occurred in the English Channel or North Sea.

The bombardment of Dunkirk is asserted to have left masses of flaming ruins amid docks, ships, barges and other war facilities on Tuesday night, coincident with wide roaming British raids on the naval bases at Kiel and Hamburg and many other objectives in Holland, Belgium, France and Germany.

CANADIAN 'EMBARGO' ON JAPAN

It is improbable that any more permits for the export of lead to Japan will be issued by Canada, it was learned to-day from authoritative quarters in Ottawa.

Major F. J. Hume, of New Westminster, B.C., declared he would do all he could to prevent the last authorised shipment of bar lead authorised some weeks ago from leaving New Westminster. — Reuter.

LORD LOTHIAN REACHES LISBON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States, who is returning to England for a visit, arrived in Lisbon yesterday on board the Clipper. — Havas.

TOBACCO DUTY BOOST

In moving the revised duties of tobacco in Legislative Council this afternoon, the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters said that the object was to secure revenue and while they should not bear heavily on the individual smoker it was anticipated that in the aggregate they would bring in from a million and a half to two million dollars per annum extra.

"As Honourable Members are (Continued on Page 16)

FINANCIAL PLANS FOR EVACUEES

AN OFFICIAL statement was issued to-day regarding the financial arrangements which have been made for evacuees who were sent, or will be sent, to Australia in the official evacuation scheme.

It is emphasised that these arrangements do not apply in the case of women and children who have evacuated to places other than Australia or who are not officially recognised as being included in the Government scheme.

As the welfare, happiness and self respect of the evacuees is a paramount consideration it has been decided that each

Unaccompanied woman shall receive 50/- per week (Australian currency, say Hong Kong \$32 approx.)

Woman with one child under 18 years 65/- say Hong Kong \$42 approx.

Woman with two children under 18 years 75/- say Hong Kong \$48 approx.

And 5/- for each additional child.

And that payment at these rates will be made by the Australian Government in the first instance to all evacuees irrespective of their financial standing, but inasmuch as it will be necessary to refund to that Government all its disbursements it is expected that all husbands or fathers normally responsible for the main-

tenance of their families will contribute according to their means towards this refund.

Accordingly the husbands, etc., of all evacuees will be asked to undertake to pay at the rates stated if able to do so.

Select Committee

Those who are unable to pay at the above rates will be invited to state their financial position confidentially to a select committee who will meet in camera to consider recommendations for grants of assistance towards the refund.

The above rates include not only board and lodging, but do not include medical attention. The husbands, etc., will be asked to contribute towards any medical expenses of their families on similar conditions. Children of 18 and upwards will be expected to earn their

A group of German destroyers was among the targets as well as canals, railway, oil depots, docks, power stations and aluminium and other industrial centres.

Meanwhile the "Daily Express" correspondent in Madrid reports that between 40,000 and 50,000 German troops were killed or wounded in the British naval bombardment of Cherbourg.

The correspondent claims that worn and weary German troops, terribly battered, were forced to leave the coastal zone apparently abandoning the invasion plans, at least temporarily.

The "Daily Express" claimed that at least 500,000 German troops had been stationed in French Channel ports for more than a month awaiting the signal for invasion.

Hideous Casualties

They were completely equipped and thousands of barges were ready but steady pounding by British naval guns, long-range guns and bombers repeatedly set back the invasion date.

Last week's naval and air attack on Cherbourg completed the wreckage, inflicting hideous casualties. German troops had to be sent to the south of France for a rest and replacements.

The correspondent asserts that Dax, Bayonne and Biarritz have been converted into vast convalescent centres for wounded German troops. — International News Service.

own living and will receive the special allowance only if the Australian authorities are satisfied that they cannot obtain employment with adequate remuneration.

If women permanently in Government Service and still drawing salary receive this allowance its equivalent will be deducted from their salary.



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JAPAN DISCONCERTED

Discovers Limits To American Tolerance

New-Found Prudence

AMERICANS ARE coming to realise the dangers with which the progress of the Dictators threatened their own continent, says the London "Times" in a leader on President Roosevelt's Columbus Day broadcast.

With this realisation, says the paper, grows the conviction that the most effective method of preventing aggression leaping across the oceans is to help those who are keeping it at bay in Europe and the Far East.

CONGRESS CAMPAIGN BEGINNING

THE INDIVIDUAL CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE CAMPAIGN DECIDED ON BY THE INDIAN CONGRESS PARTY WILL BE INAUGURATED TO-DAY, IT IS UNDERSTOOD IN WARDHA.

Mr. Gandhi is understood to be intimating to the district magistrate at Nagpur that Vinoba — a humble member of the Mahatma's ashram (seminary) — will open the campaign with an anti-war speech this morning at the village of Paunar, seven miles from Nagpur. Mr. Gandhi will not be present. — Reuter.

JAPAN WITHDRAWING GARRISONS

Japanese garrisons along the Shanghai-Nanking and Hangchow-Nanking Railway Lines are being replaced with Wang Ching-wei's puppet troops, according to Chinese reports in Shanghai.

It is stated that there are at present some 30,000 Japanese regulars posted along these two lines. — Our Own Correspondent.

Turning to the Japan-Axis pact, the paper says opinion in Japan has been disconcerted by the reaction to the agreement which the Japanese militarists imagined would stop Americans from continuing to give practical effect to their sympathy with China.

People there are now beginning to realise there are limits to American tolerance and are making cautious efforts to persuade the United States that the pact with Germany and Italy does not mean what it was obviously intended to mean.

It is much to be hoped that this new-found prudence will not be confined to words but will have a sobering effect on the Japanese military commanders in China who for years past had a greater influence in determining Japanese policy than the diplomats and statesmen in Tokyo. — Reuter.

LONG CHASE FOR \$10,000

Snatching a bag containing \$10,000 from an elderly man in Lockhart Road yesterday, an unemployed Chinese was arrested by a constable after a long chase in the Wanchai district.

The intended victim was returning home after drawing the money from a bank in town when the incident occurred.

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STRIKE EXTENSION FEARS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL").

While the tram and bus strike in the French Concession remains deadlocked fresh fears arose following a demonstration staged when strikers mobbed a trolley-bus and a bus in the International Settlement.

There is apprehension that the labour trouble may again spread to the transport companies in the Settlement.

It is understood that several ring-leaders of the French tramway strike tried to urge Settlement bus and tram employees to stop work, warning them that in case of refusal to comply with the request they would have to face the consequences. — Hayas.

BRITISH AIRMEN INTERNED

A British plane landed near Gaellivare, northern Lapland, yesterday morning after being fired at by Swedish anti-aircraft guns.

Communique from the Swedish General Staff, announcing this, says the plane and crew of two have been interned.

The communique stated that a German seaplane which flew over Swedish waters off the coast of southern Scania was driven off by the air defences.

On Tuesday, several flights over Swedish territory were made by foreign planes. German planes were seen off the coast of Scania and Bohuslaen where a British plane flew over Swedish territory. — Reuter.

MR. EDEN IN EGYPT

Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for War, has arrived in Egypt.

This was announced yesterday in London where it is understood that Mr. Eden will have conversations with General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East.

Mr. Eden will also visit contingents of the British-Alied troops in the Middle East. — Reuter.

COST OF LIVING IN JAPAN DROPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL").

After rising steadily for 18 months the cost of living in Japan dropped 1.9 per cent in September, the Cabinet statistics bureau in Tokyo announces.

The drop is considered a direct result of the Government's effort to lower commodity prices. Provisions dropped 4.4 per cent in cost through the establishment of official prices.

Clothing costs, however, continued the upward trend, rising eight per cent, while fuel costs rose two per cent. — Hayas.

DUNKIRK SHELLED BY NAVY

Fires were seen and it is considered that considerable damage was done, when British naval units bombarded Dunkirk on Tuesday night, states an Admiral communique. — Reuter.

CARRIER PIGEONS FOR ESPIONAGE

Italian agents are believed to be using carrier-pigeons to communicate with the enemy, states an Egyptian military decree in Cairo yesterday. The Egyptian people are therefore called on to hand over to the authorities any pigeons resembling carrier-pigeons. — Reuter.

RAID IN PRINCE EDWARD RD.

What is alleged to have been an illegal radio receiving and transmitting station was raided on Tuesday night.

Police raided the first floor of No. 93, Prince Edward Road at about 9 p.m. and found wireless apparatus and certain papers.

The tenant was arrested and, following inquiries, three others were detained yesterday.

As a result of the raid the four persons appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

Accused Tam Kam-ku, 51, wireless operator, was charged with possession of a wireless transmitting apparatus without permission from Government, and Tam Kam-wo, 26, Chui Wing, 20, salesman, and Wong Wai, 32, unemployed, were charged with aiding and abetting.

They were remanded for two days in police custody for further enquiries.

YUGOSLAVIA AND DANUBE

A committee has been formed in Yugoslavia on which the Commander-in-Chief of the Yugoslav forces is represented, to take necessary measures to protect navigation on the Yugoslav section of the Danube, Belgrade radio stated yesterday.

The measures are authorised by a decree just passed by the Council of Ministers. — Reuter.

Charged with the manslaughter of Au Leung, 40, coolie, in Reclamation Street on last Tuesday, Wong Ho, 42, gardener, was remanded for two days by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

JAPAN LOSES THIS GAME OF POLITICAL POKER

IT IS UNPLEASANT for Japan when the United States supports words with deeds and gives signs of backing up Britain, said the Gothenburg newspaper "Gotposten" yesterday.

Japan, the paper adds, knows the U.S.A. urged Britain no longer to give way on the Burma road.

There are some opponents of an American entry into the war in Europe but they are considerably reduced when the matter concerns active stewardship of American interests in the Far East.

Every Japanese act of aggression helps President Roosevelt's policy.

Tokyo must see that the help Japan can reckon on from her allies as long as England is unbeaten is plus minus nothing.

Japan can play the game of political poker. She bluffed cleverly as usual but has lost the game this time.

Lengthening Chain

It seems England and the United States should feel themselves encouraged to continue on the path taken. As long as China fights, Japan drags a lengthening chain from which she cannot be free to fulfil her great plans in the East Indies.

If China gets sufficient help Japan sooner or later will reach final collapse and will be forced to abandon the whole expedition. — Reuter.

METAL FROM PALACE

Saucepans and frying-pans were among the aluminium utensils from Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and Sandringham which were given to the Women's Voluntary Service.

In one big box were aluminium pieces taken by Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret from the little house which was given to Princess Elizabeth some years ago by the people of Wales.

BACON FOR FRAUEN

Confirmation of the report that some German women had been without bacon so long that they did not know how to cook it is given in Goebbels' own newspaper, "Der Angriff." This states: "Bacon: The German housewife will quickly get used to this new kind of meat. If the bacon is to be fried, it should be soaked in water beforehand."

Ever-Increasing Weight Of R.A.F. Raids On Germany

Kiel Dockyard Pounded For Over Four Hours

SQUARE HIT ON OIL REFINERY

An R.A.F. pilot who was busy bombing an oil refinery in Germany on Monday night said yesterday that when flying over the Ruhr they could see railway bridges and viaducts below them and even pick out the streets.

A railway line runs right alongside the oil refinery and the R.A.F. machines ran directly over it, dropping the first stick of bombs from south to north.

As they turned round, they saw that their bombs had landed right on the target.

There was no doubt about it, because 30 seconds later there was a big explosion, followed a minute or two later by a great upheaval and a shower of sparks.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS

THE MEETING OF PARTY LEADERS SUMMONED BY MR. R. G. MENZIES, THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIER, TO DISCUSS METHODS OF FORMING A STABLE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE ELECTION IMPASSE, ADJOURNED LAST NIGHT WITHOUT HAVING REACHED ANY DECISION. THEY WILL MEET AGAIN ON MONDAY.

Mr. Menzies issued a statement that the talks were purely exploratory.

Reuter learns authoritatively that the party managers conference will on Monday receive a reply from Mr. Menzies to a proposal put by Mr. Curtin, Leader of the Labour Party, that the Government should indicate points of Labour policy it would be prepared to adopt if some form of cooperation through a national government or national war cabinet be found acceptable to the opposition.—Reuter.

EAT MORE GRAPES CAMPAIGN

Hotels and restaurants in Spain are to serve grapes as dessert for at least one meal daily.

A decree to this effect was issued in Madrid yesterday by Senor Sener, Minister of Interior. It is hoped to dispose of some of the production of Almeria grapes, foreign trade in which at present is paralysed.

They were formally one of Spain's most valuable exports.—Reuter.

GREECE CALLS EXPERTS TO COLOURS

Greece has called a number of engineers and communication specialists to the Colours.—Reuter.

THE EFFORT OF EIGHT German fighters to harass British Blenheim bombers of the Coastal Command while they were raiding Flushing and Terneuzen on Tuesday night were unsuccessful.

The Air Ministry news service says the Messerschmitts were driven off with machine-gun fire or evaded, and bombing was carried out with the utmost effect.

Lock gates and fuel stores were among the principal targets.

The flare path of an aerodrome above which enemy aircraft were observed circling was bombed before the lights could be extinguished.

Two power stations at Lorient naval base were the main points of attack by other formations of Benhelms.

Fleet Air Arm aircraft operating with the Coastal Command dropped large calibre bombs on harbour works and shipping at Brest.

Hudson aircraft were active on the Dutch coast and bombed the inner harbour at Willemsoord and enemy destroyers off Texel.—Reuter.

Increasing Scale

The ever increasing scale of the R.A.F. offensive against the enemy is shown by further details from the Air Ministry of Tuesday-Wednesday night's attacks by British bombers, particularly against military objectives and communications in Germany itself.

The R.A.F. raid on Kiel lasted four hours. Tons of bombs were dropped in an almost continuous series of attacks.

Direct hits were scored on the jetty of the torpedo-boat harbour and the Marine Academy.

Shipyard Hits

The Deutsche Werft yards and dockyards south-east of the main jetty were repeatedly straddled and a line of heavy bombs burst along the western border of the Germania shipyard.

One salvo started a huge oil fire, having apparently struck fuel stores and trucks.

Besides bombing oil refineries and stores at Hamburg, Sarzbergen and Gerserkirchen, the R.A.F. also bombed Hamburg and Duisburg docks and attacked targets at Grevenbroich, Cologne, Schonebeck, Neuhaldensleben and Duesseldorf.—Reuter.

Clear Visibility

Monday night's bombing attack on an oil refinery at Bohlen began in weather which one of the R.A.F. bomber pilots described as filthy but which improved so quickly on the journey that he had never known visibility to be so clear on any of his previous raids.

"Over the Ruhr, for instance, we could see factory chimneys, railway bridges and viaducts. One could even pick out streets in towns over which we passed. We had a good look at Leipzig to make quite certain it was Leipzig and then flew south towards the oil refinery at Bohlen."

A flare which we dropped hampered rather than helped us, because of the glare of it on the slight haze on the ground. In any case the moon was bright enough to show us all we wanted to see. There was a railway running right alongside our objective and we ran practically dead over the line dropping our bombs in one stick from south to north over the target.

Amazed Everybody

As we turned round we saw our bombs burst right on the target. There was no doubt about it for about thirty seconds after

FULL SCALE AIR SUPPORT FOR ARMY

LORD SNELL, SPEAKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT, YESTERDAY INFORMED LORD TRENCARD IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS WHERE THE LATTER RAISED THE QUESTION THAT, THOUGH AIR SUPPORT FOR A MODERN ARMY WAS VITAL AND THE OPINION HAD BEEN EXPRESSED IN CERTAIN QUARTERS THAT THIS NEED COULD BEST BE MET BY THE CREATION OF A SEPARATE AIR FORCE AT THE EXCLUSIVE DISPOSAL OF THE ARMY, THIS WAS NOT THE CONSIDERED VIEW EITHER OF THE AIR STAFF OR THE GENERAL STAFF.

The need for ensuring full scale air support for the Army was fully appreciated, by the Air Ministry and War Office and was engaging their continual attention.

Lord Snell said the experience of the last five months gave good grounds for claiming that the proved British aptitude for war at sea was having added to it an equally outstanding aptitude for war in the air.

Lord Snell concluded that with the active help of the Empire and the sympathetic aid of the U.S.A. they had every reason for sober confidence.

They could look forward confidently to developments which would come in future months and in these developments the strengthening in the air as in every way of the army on the offensive would receive full share of Government's attention.—British Wireless.

ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS

With the arrival in London expected to-day of Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to Washington, on a short visit, it is now learned that the American Ambassador to London will be returning to Washington for consultations within a week or 10 days.—Reuter.

they had landed there were some pretty hefty explosions which went off about a hundred or two hundred yards apart.

About a minute and a half later there was a colossal upheaval. First I saw a huge shower of sparks. Then suddenly a great white column of smoke or steam shot up. It rose practically dead straight and reached to about 6,000 feet. It amazed everybody in the aircraft.—British Wireless.

BRITISH ARRANGEMENT WITH SWISS

The British Government has agreed to grant navicerts and export licences to enable Switzerland to maintain a two-months' stock of war material and will also grant navicerts and export licences for any goods which cannot benefit the enemy. The right is reserved to revise the decisions at any time.—Reuter.

GERMAN CONVOY DESTROYED

A German convoy of three supply ships, with the two escort vessels accompanying them, has been destroyed.

The Admiralty communique giving this news does not locate the scene of action.

One merchant vessel, it is officially stated, was of about 7,000 tons. One of the others, which were small, exploded before sinking.

Another German vessel of about 7,000 tons, adds the communique, was successfully attacked. It was hit with three torpedoes.—Reuter.

BRITISH AID FOR DE GAULLE

BRAZIL, ARGENTINE, URUGUAY, CHILE AND MEXICO ALREADY HAVE ESTABLISHED FREE FRANCE NATIONAL COMMITTEES—ACTING IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE FREE FRENCH FORCES, STATED MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Butler added that committees have also been formed in the United States, Egypt, Canada, Australia, South Africa, and Mauritius.

Representatives of General de Gaulle are also engaged in setting up committees in a number of other countries. The British Government is rendering all assistance in its power and approves of such development.—Reuter.

QUID PRO QUO

THERE ARE PERSISTENT REPORTS IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK THAT THE GIANT AMERICAN AIRCRAFT KNOWN AS "FLYING FORTRESSES" WILL SHORTLY BE RELEASED TO BRITAIN.

At the same time, another report says that the British power-operated gun-turret used in R.A.F. machines may be made available to the United States under the British-American standardisation scheme.—Reuter.

EARL OF ATHLONE TO VISIT U.S.

The Governor-General of Canada and Princess Alice are planning a visit to the United States shortly, it was learned in Ottawa yesterday.

It is assumed they will see President Roosevelt.

The Governor-General will be following the precedent established three years ago by the late Lord Tweedsmuir, who was the first Canadian Governor-General to visit the United States in his official capacity.

He was then returning a visit by President Roosevelt the year before.—Reuter.

Guests Of President

Lord and Lady Athlone will spend the week-end as guests of President Roosevelt at his estate at Hyde Park, New York.

This was announced yesterday from the Citadel in Quebec, the summer residence of the Athlones when they are away from Ottawa.—Reuter.

RUMANIA TO BE BLOCKADED

A Member of Parliament suggested yesterday that as Germany now dominates Rumania, that country should be included in the Allied blockade.

Mr. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, agreed that Rumania was under the economic domination of Germany.

The British Government has ceased to maintain normal trade relations with Rumania, since it became apparent that Rumania was becoming increasingly under German domination, stated Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

STEADY ADVANCE ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was firm yesterday despite the quietness of trading. Gilt-edged again advanced under the lead of War Loans. Industrials were narrowly irregular but gains appeared to have outnumbered losses. Following recent strength Argentine rails improved while gold-minings occasionally were brighter shortly before the close of business. Wall Street was higher.—Reuter.

AIR BATTLES OVER BRITAIN

THE GERMANS LOST 17 MACHINES DURING DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON BRITAIN ON TUESDAY. A BOMBER BROUGHT DOWN AFTER DARK BRINGING THE DAY'S BAG TO 18.

We lost 15 fighters, but the pilots of nine are safe.—Reuter.

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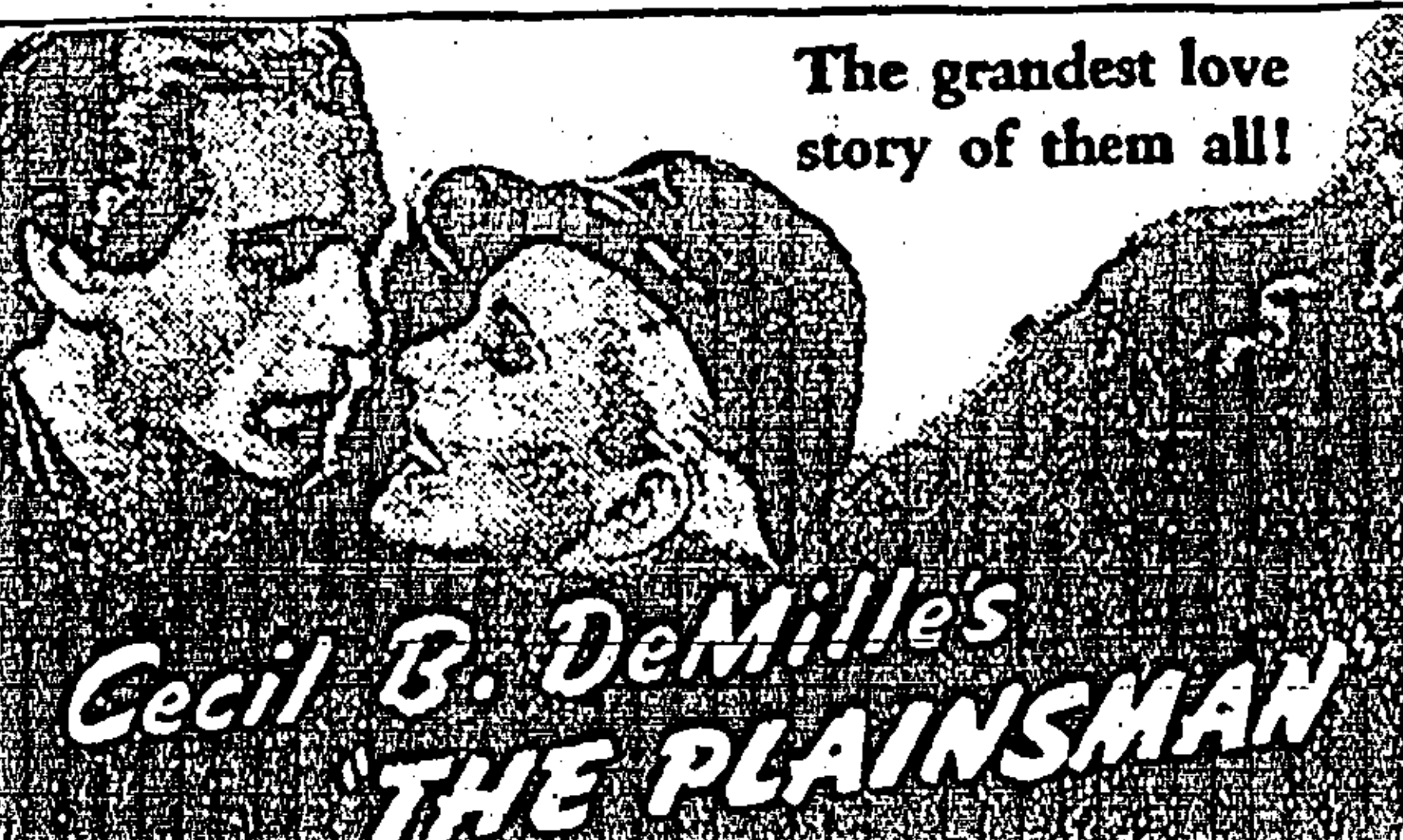


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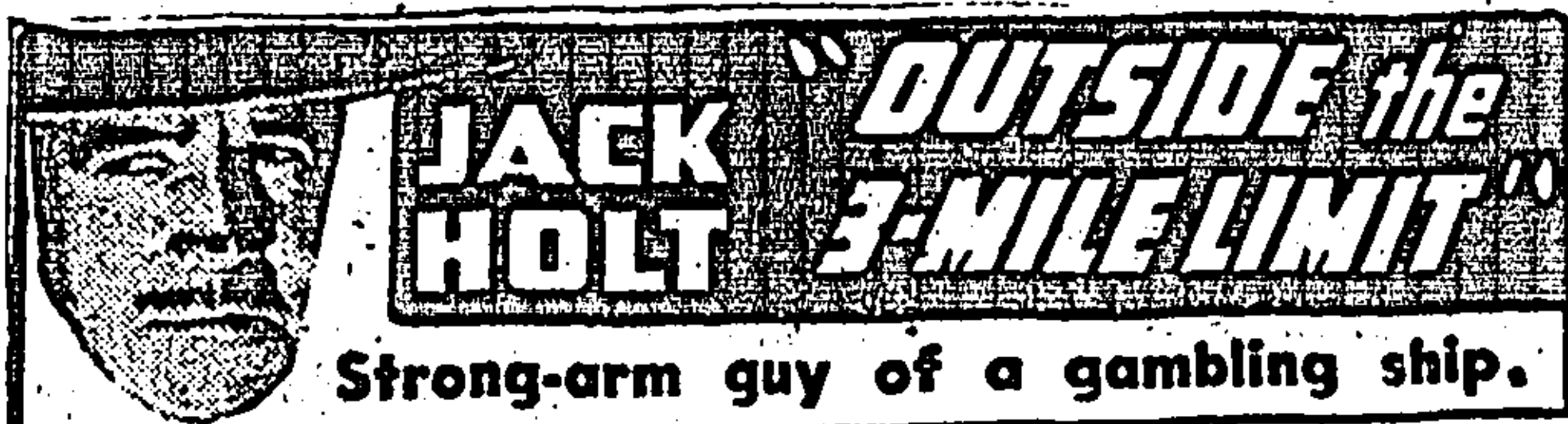
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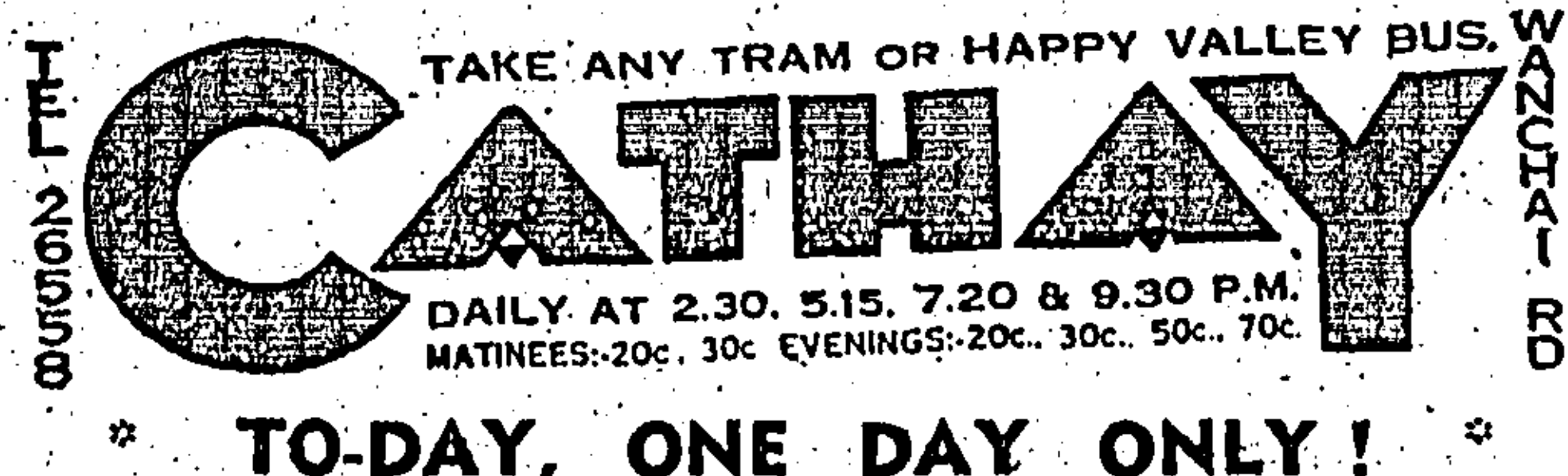
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Harrassing Raids On Italian Army Threatening Egypt

FURTHER HARRASSING of the Italian army threatening Egypt has been carried out by the R.A.F.

A communique issued in Cairo last night described a continuation of the attacks on Benghazi on Tuesday when a further direct hit was made on the Mole d'Italia and a railway station and sidings with high explosive laced with incendiary bombs.

Observation of the damage, the communique admits, was difficult.

Barracks and military concentrations at Bardia, Capuzzo and Sollum were bombed successfully, and Derna and Tobruk were also raided. The R.A.F. suffered no losses in these operations.

Diredawa, in Italian East Africa, was raided and buildings and railway stations bombed.

An action between an R.A.F. plane on patrol over the Red Sea and three Italian bombers resulted in two of the enemy aircraft being damaged, one of them badly, while the British aircraft returned to its base safely.

R.A.F. planes operating from the Sudan bombed naval and air force barracks on the Abdekar peninsula and Massawa. — Reuter.

AMERICAN SUCCOUR FOR FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Twenty-five tons of powdered milk a month and two million doses of Vitamin "A" will be distributed among French children by the American Friends Service Committee.

An announcement to this effect was made by Mr. Howard Kersher, head of the committee, in a letter yesterday to Prof. Macheboeuf, of the French Ministry of Supplies.

The supplies will be sufficient for French children this winter. — Havas.

VICHY CEASES RECRUITING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
All recruiting for the French air force has been stopped, it was stated in Vichy yesterday.

Henceforth no more applications will be accepted for aviation schools, air bases and air force formations throughout France and the colonies. The new measure also applies to civil aviation. — Havas.

SOYA BEAN CROPS FOR FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Owing to the interest shown by the French farmer in the culture of soya beans the French Ministry of Supplies has decided to ban the sale of soya seeds, stocks of which are rather low.

Remaining stocks will be taken over by the Ministry and will be distributed among farmers prepared to allot part of their lands to soya. — Havas.

HOME FOR SPANISH REFUGEES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The Mexican Legation in Vichy announced yesterday that the first contingent of Spanish refugees will leave France for Mexico before the end of the month. The contingent is expected to consist of from 1,000 to 1,500 refugees. — Havas.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN HUNGARY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Two thousand Jewish craftsmen have been thrown out of work in upper Hungary owing to the expiration of their licences, it was stated in Budapest yesterday. The recently adopted bill on Jews specifies that no further licences will be granted members of the Semitic race. — Havas.

YOUNG AMERICA REGISTERS

Throughout the United States yesterday young America registered at the rate of over a million an hour for possible service with the United States first peacetime draft for the Army.

Park Avenue millionaires joined Bowery tramps in New York as men between the ages of 21 and 35 queued up to obey the Conscription Law.

Two of President Roosevelt's sons, John and Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., were among those who signed on. — Reuter.

GERMANY CLAMPS DOWN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The manufacture of chemical products which can be used in making explosives is now prohibited in France without a special licence, according to a new law promulgated in Vichy yesterday.

The new law will be enforced in France and the colonies. Another law forbids transit or import of war material in France, colonies and protectorates. — Havas.

LEAVING RUMANIA

A further 70 members of the British colony in Rumania are leaving Constanza for Istanbul to-day, according to a Bucharest report. — Reuter.

DUTY-FREE TOBACCO FOR FORCES

Tobacco, free of United Kingdom duty, can now be sent to members of the British forces anywhere abroad (except India and Burma) under an extension of the arrangement announced by the Treasury in London yesterday. — Reuter.

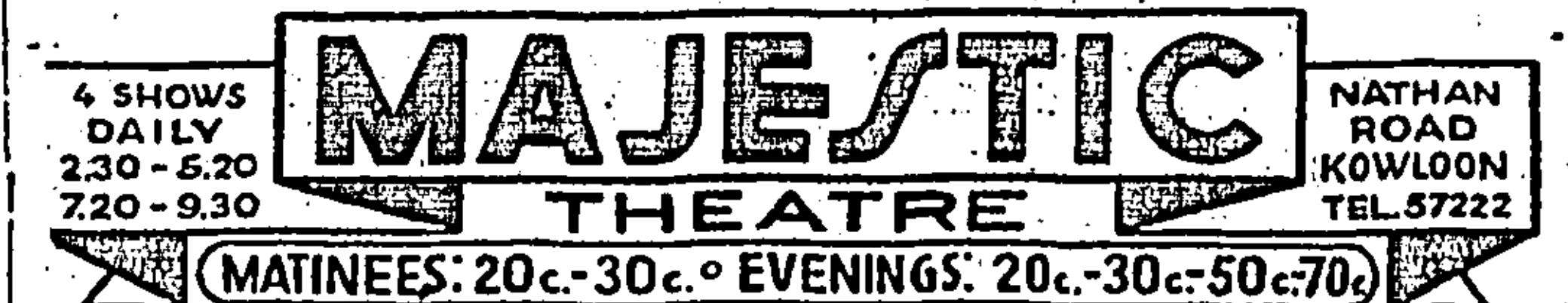
BALANCE OF AMBULANCE FUND IN ONE DONATION

The balance of the sum needed to meet the cost of Hong Kong's first ambulance for use in England has been contributed by Mr. A. ("Jimmy") Landau, of Jimmy's Kitchen.

Mr. Landau read the announcement in the "China Mail" yesterday that \$5,127 has been received for the special object of supplying ambulances and that the total cost of "HONG KONG I" was \$5,800.

It is Mr. Landau's birthday tomorrow. He will be 68 and he has contributed, through the "China Mail" to whom he handed his cheque this morning, \$10 for every year of his age, \$680.

This is sufficient to meet the balance to cover the purchase of the first ambulance and to start the second on its way.



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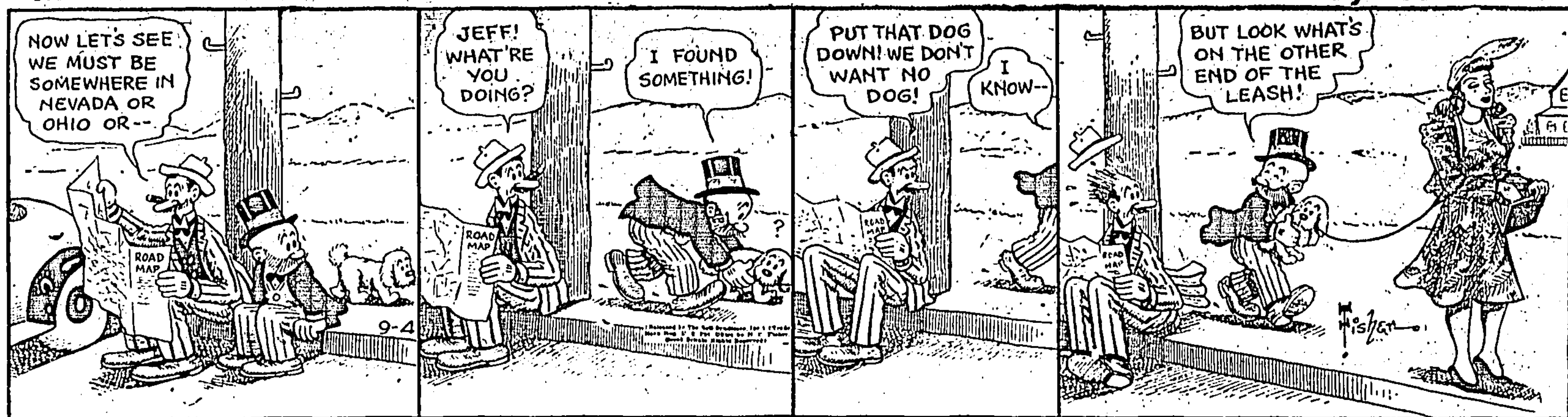


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Governor Appeals to Hong Kong Women

AN APPEAL TO THE women of Hong Kong loyally to accept and endure the hardships which are the inevitable accompaniment of compulsory evacuation is made in a letter by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, published this morning and addressed to Mrs. C. E. Clarke, who led the women's protest group at the Evacuation Advisory Committee sitting recently.

Mrs. Clarke addressed a direct request to Government House for reconsideration of Government policy and the letter was sent in reply. His Excellency wrote:

DEAR MADAM,

In reply to your letter appealing for a system of voluntary evacuation from Hong Kong in place of the compulsory system now in force, I first wish to assure you of my fullest and deepest sympathy with those who are suffering hardship and unhappiness because of the evacuation order. I myself am suffering in common with them, and at this very moment my family in India is having great difficulties in finding a house to live in. I have a wife and three small sons to consider, and it goes without saying that I understand the hardships

as well as most.

However, the question of individual suffering cannot override more important considerations in these critical times, and I am sure that the women of Hong Kong are prepared to face difficulties and hardships in the common cause no less than those in other parts of the Empire.

The evacuation order was given originally by the Home Government, which has access to sources of information that the general public have not; that it was a wise and farseen move is borne out by the fact that the American Government have now begun to follow

MOSLEM DAY OF PRAYER

All branches of the Moslem League throughout the Punjab have been instructed to observe November 1 as a special day of prayer for the safety, integrity and independence of Islamic countries. —Reuter.

suit. That loyal co-operation in the policy of Government, which is laid down for good and adequate reasons, by loyal citizens is an essential part of the Empire's efforts is a fact that surely does not need emphasising in Hong Kong.

Apart from various other reasons for the evacuation order, it must be obvious that every mouth to feed which is not essential to the defence of the Colony must prove a weakness in that defence should an emergency arise. Women and children have been evacuated from Gibraltar, Malta and several other places for the same reason which is especially applicable to a fortress colony such as Hong Kong.

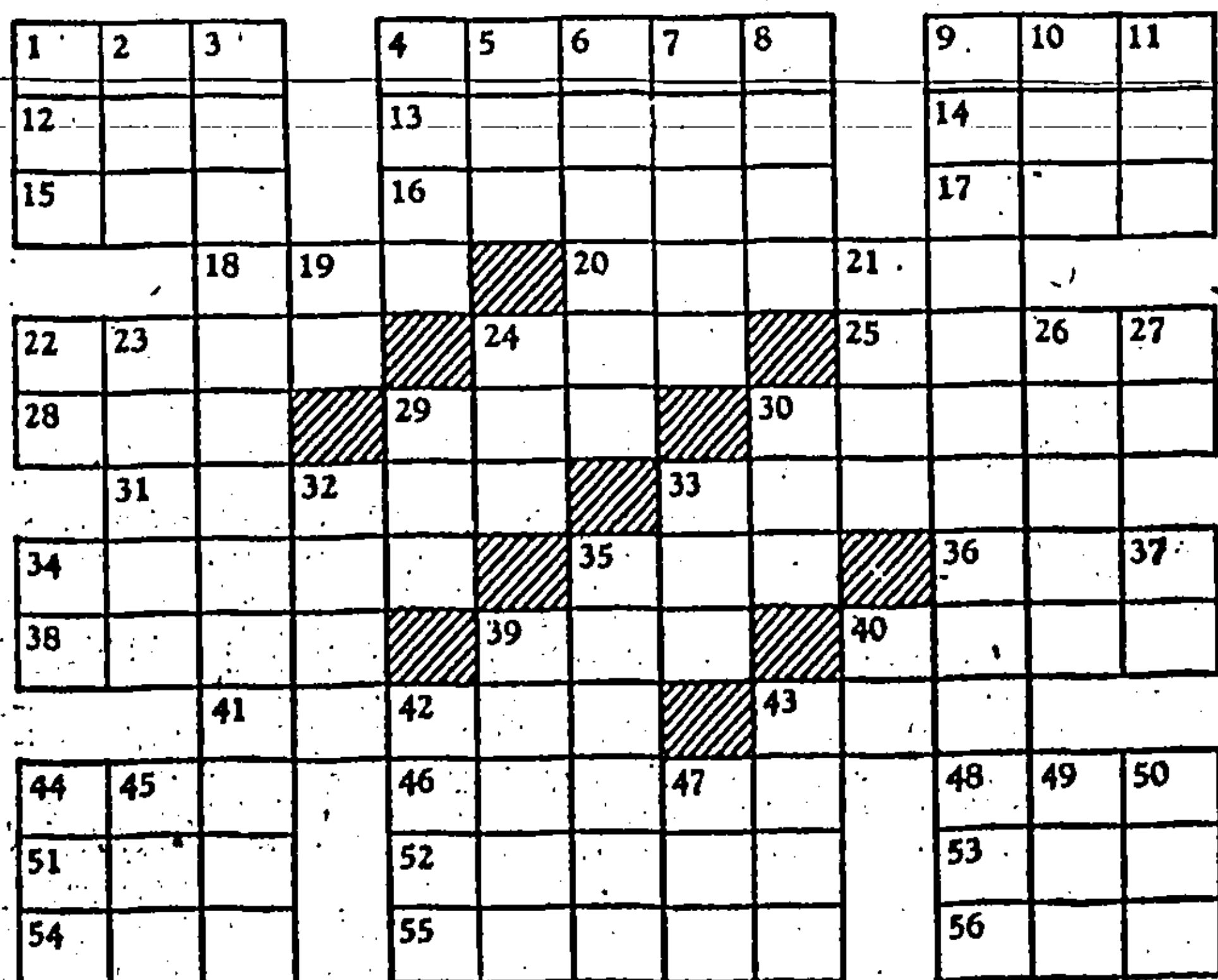
As regards your suggestion of a system of voluntary evacuation for those women still in the Colony I would point out, as you know, the original order was partially obeyed but largely evaded, and that this led to very bitter feelings among those who had patriotically obeyed it without question. The only way to avoid such bitterness is to carry out the Home Government's instructions fully and without exception. No intermediate line can be just and equitable. Again, it is possible that a situation may arise in which the number of further people to be evacuated may well exceed the supply of transportation available.

It is, therefore, essential that the first stage of evacuation be applied completely thus clearing the air for further demands should they arise.

In times of war it is inevitable that big and difficult decisions of this kind should be made. The suffering and hardship caused is deeply and sincerely regretted by all, and by nobody more than myself; but it is only by every member of British communities throughout the Empire loyally and cheerfully accepting and enduring these hardships that we shall win through to final victory. May I not count on the cooperation of the women of Hong Kong in a measure that, believe me, has not been lightly undertaken?

Yours sincerely,
(sgd.) E. Norton.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 To urge
- 4 Banquet
- 9 Female ruff
- 12 Enemy
- 13 Spear
- 14 Bitter vetch
- 15 Brown
- 16 Pertaining to a plane surface
- 17 Possessive pronoun
- 18 East-Indian tree
- 20 South American ruminant
- 22 Land measure
- 24 English river
- 25 French ecclesiastic
- 26 Brazilian macaw
- 29 Help
- 30 Pertaining to the doctrines of Arius
- 31 Winged
- 33 Small food-fish
- 34 Feeble-minded
- 35 To equal
- 36 Electrified particle
- 38 Most competent
- 39 Encountered

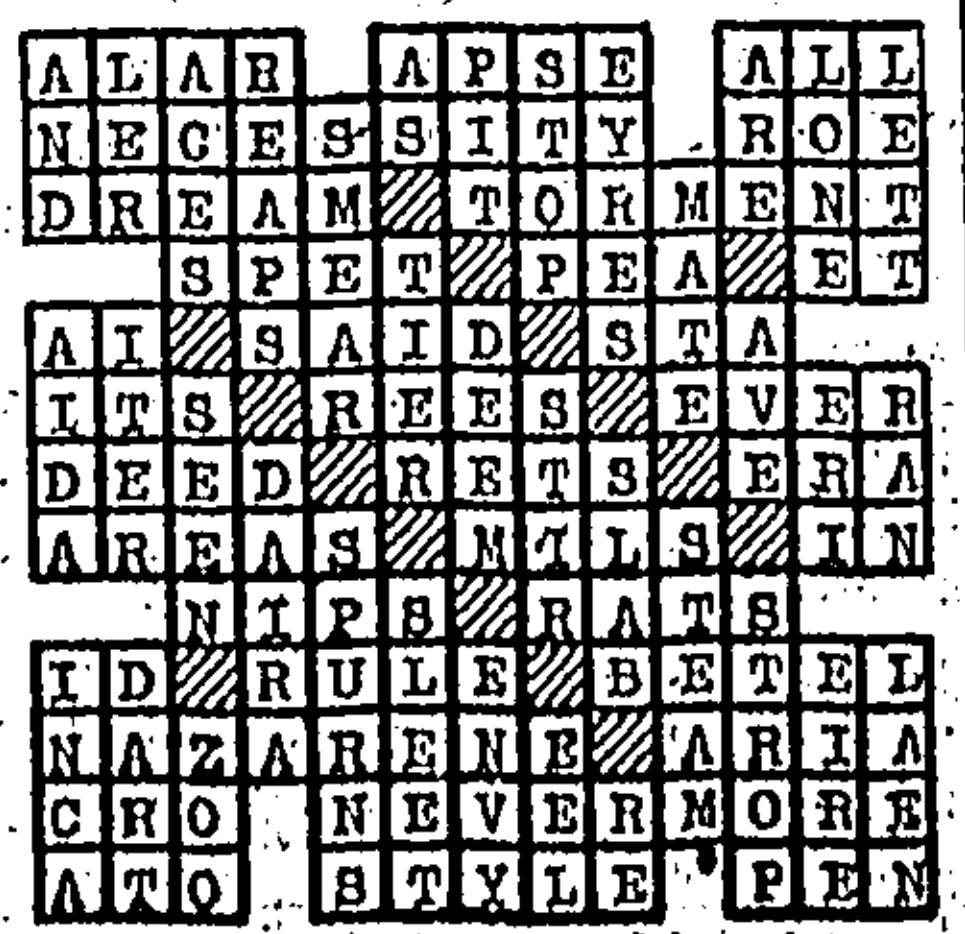
VERTICAL

- 1 Lizard
- 2 Tibetan gazelle
- 3 Chief commander of an army
- 4 Banner
- 5 Grain spike
- 6 Anointed
- 7 To climb
- 8 Weblike membrane
- 9 Restores to a former capacity

VERTICAL

- 10 Castor silk
- 11 Worm
- 12 Compass point
- 21 Female horse
- 22 Molten lava
- 23 Machine for raising heavy weights
- 24 To fade out
- 26 Conductor's stick
- 27 Printer's measure
- 29 Goddess of mischief
- 30 Japanese rice paste
- 32 Singing voice
- 33 To pose
- 34 Hebrew month
- 35 Cylindrical
- 37 Symbol for sodium
- 39 Imbecile
- 40 Babylonian deity
- 42 Abysses
- 43 Spreads for drying
- 44 Anglo-Saxon money
- 45 To offer
- 47 Born
- 49 Humming-bird
- 50 To cry like a cat

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HALF MEASURES WILL NOT SUFFICE

--Sir Kingsley Wood **NAZIS GET TO WORK IN RUMANIA**

SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking at a luncheon yesterday where he was the principal guest, described Germany as being an "intellectual desert" as a result of Nazi policy.

"It was not for nothing," he said, "that the much trumpeted Nazi revolution began with the symbolic burning of books. It was not for nothing that the very first refugees from Germany were writers—harbingers and pioneers of that melancholy exodus which, numbering thousands upon thousands, only ceased at the outbreak of war because the frontiers were no longer open."

There were often writers, Sir Kingsley Wood continued, whose work may yet seem even to the German people the only feature of this period of their country's history on which they could look back without shame.

Sir Kingsley then turned to questions of finance and said the great gap between wartime expenditure and revenue could only be filled by inflation or taxation coupled with real savings made to the point of sacrifice.

So far Government policy had enabled inflation to be avoided but the danger was ever present if a sure, safe course of financial policy was not followed.

Stating that taxation was only a bare part of expenditure, Sir Kingsley stressed the importance of saving.

Difficult Vital Year

"We are facing a difficult and vital year in our history and no half-measures will suffice. For their part the Government can and must do everything possible to create conditions under which the maximum response to Government loans and appeals for national savings can be fully attained."

Sir Kingsley said it had been suggested that money had been held back from Government loans by many people because they were uncertain regarding their financial position should their property and belongings be damaged in an air raid.

The Chancellor stated he hoped shortly to introduce a measure which would remove this perfectly natural apprehension by providing full compensation for loss or damage caused by enemy action.

Building Scheme

The scheme relating to buildings would be financed by compulsory adequate contribution from property owners aided, in certain eventualities, by the State.

The other scheme, which provided for an opportunity to insure personal effects, would be voluntary, while that dealing with insurance of plant and machinery would in general be compulsory.

These schemes, the Chancellor said, would be retrospective to the beginning of the war and would remove uncertainty and go far to maintain confidence, British Wireless.

FURTHER U.S.-SOVIET EXCHANGES

M. OUMANSKY, SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, CONFERRED FOR AN HOUR WITH MR. SUMNER WELLES, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

Although he declined to discuss his visit it is believed it was in continuation of the conversations started last week and designed to improve Russo-American relations. — Reuter.

ITALIANS HIT H.M.S. LIVERPOOL

The British cruiser, Liverpool, has been damaged in the Mediterranean by enemy torpedo-carrying aircraft.

The Admiralty stated yesterday that Liverpool was returning to her base after operations in the Mediterranean when the attack was made, and she is now safely in port. Casualties were not heavy.

Announcement of the damage was withheld until it was known that Liverpool had reached her base. — Reuter.

ALLEGED THREAT TO MERCHANT

WONG HAI-FONG, 46, MERCHANT, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING WITH CONSPIRING WITH CHEUNG KUNG-HOP AND OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS, TO THREATEN TANG KING-WAI, MERCHANT, ON OCTOBER 3.

It was alleged that defendant threatened to harm complainant, if he took action in the Supreme Court against the Kin Kee Trading Company.

It is understood that Mr. M. A. da Silva will be appearing for the prosecution, and Mr. B. C. Hobbs for the defence.

The case was adjourned to October 23, and defendant was released on bail of \$1,000.

LINER'S £11,000 AWARD

An award of £11,000 was made by Mr. Justice Langton in the Admiralty Court to the master and crew of the Blue Star liner Tacoma Star, for saving the West Hartlepool steamer Dunelmia in the Atlantic last December.

Damage to a cylinder in the Dunelmia's engines incapacitated her. The Tacoma Star stood by for four days and then towed the "lame duck" 50 miles to the Azores in the zone of submarine attack. The crew's share of the award was £2,200, and the captain's £500.

NAZIS GET TO WORK IN RUMANIA

Coinciding with heavier German demands for oil and the despatch of war materials in return, 65 Rumanian passenger trains, many of which run on important main lines, were to be suspended from midnight last night until the end of the month.

Official reason for this measure is to make way for goods traffic employed in transporting supplies for internal needs which have long been delayed owing to military requisitions.

The staff of a German naval mission, meanwhile, has arrived in Bucharest. — Reuter.

GRENADIERS IN FLANDERS

Flanders was the birthplace of the Grenadier Guards, and when ever danger threatens it calls to them to come. They have fought there under all the great commanders, Marlborough, Wellington, and Haig. They first landed at Dunkerque in 1658, and it was from Dunkirk that they last saw the plains of Flanders in 1940.

There were four battalions of Grenadiers in the British force that pushed forward in May of this year to the assistance of the Dutch, and by May 14 three of them were hotly engaged. On the Dendre, on the 18th they fought side by side and disposed speedily and skillfully of a strong German patrol that appeared when a company commander was reconnoitring a forward position.

A company commander took the Bren gun, himself, knocked out a German armoured car, and forced the German cyclists to take cover in a house which was then destroyed by the regimental mortars.

A few days later the Grenadiers earned their first V.C. of this war when Lance Corporal Nichols led a counter-attack, firing with a Bren gun from his hip as he advanced, silencing three enemy machine-guns and driving back a German force that had crossed the River Escaut.

There followed the retreat to Dunkirk. The regiment suffered loss among its officers. A battalion commander and two company commanders were reconnoitring a rearguard position when they came under hot fire.

The colonel was killed, the others wounded. A subaltern of the battalion found the survivors lying helpless in the main street of the town which was raked by machine-gun fire and rifle fire. Undeterred he carried to safety the body of his dead colonel and the two surviving company commanders.

It was this same young officer who shortly afterwards was detailed to ascertain the exact position when his battalion came unexpectedly under fire as they retired.

He took with him the Bren-carrier platoon, he rallied the troops on the spot, and led back the force in a determined counter-attack and secured the line of retreat to the sea.

The Grenadiers will have the inspiration of episodes such as these when next they come into action, when next they fight in Flanders.

BILL OF HEALTH

One case of Cholera, from Victoria, occurred yesterday, besides 22 cases of tuberculosis, four of typhoid, nine of dysentery and one of diphtheria.

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VICHY POLITICS

The actions of the Vichy Government in the last week or two indicate that there is little remaining hope that the worst fears of France's friends will not eventuate, that the spirit of defeatism is too deeply ingrained in those that could change the course of the current, and that the job-hunters remain in their heyday.

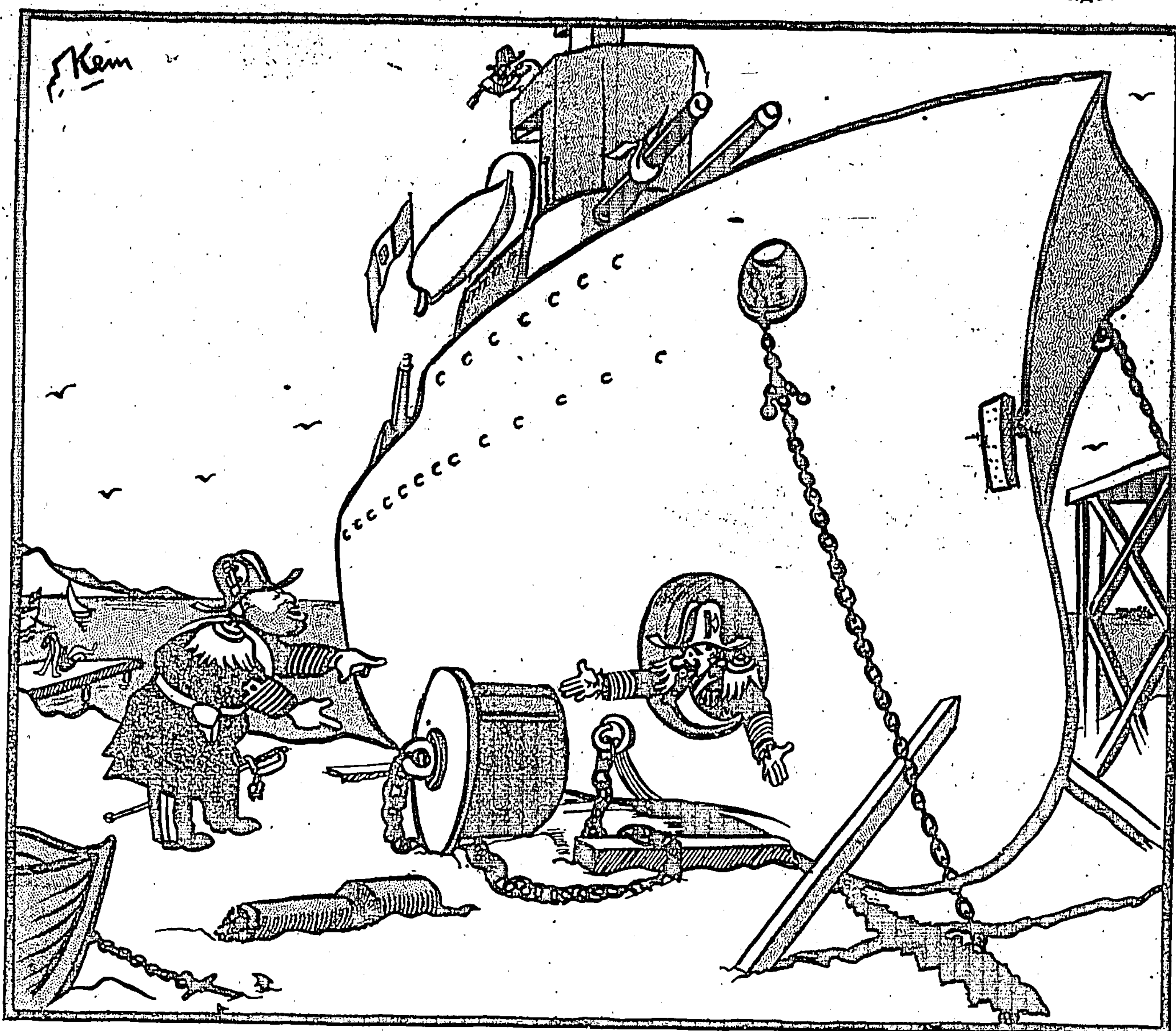
Latest moves include measures for the suppression of trade unions, for the elimination of democratic control in the provinces, for substitution of gauleiters for elected representatives, and against the Jews.

France, in fact, runs so fast at the heels of the German conqueror, is so anxious not to offend, that Mr. Churchill had to admit the prospect of Vichy France ranged on the side of Britain's enemies. It seems impossible of belief, even at this day and age, yet we must see the situation clearly and realise that if our future relations are clouded in a mist, that which shows through is not calculated to rouse any British enthusiasm.

There are doubtless Frenchmen who think that France might have a tolerable future as junior partner in Hitler's Empire, sharing its favours, with Mussolini, following its fortunes, waiting on its voice.

How far the revision of the Constitution and the adoption of Nazi doctrines are meant to serve this plan, how far they are designed to meet the serious evils of French politics, it is hard to say.

It is difficult to believe that the French people, with all their proud history behind them, can be content to become a vassal State, lending their ancient prestige to the very forces that Revolutionary France and Catholic France have combined in denouncing as a new barbarism. These are dark days, but even under the shock of the most bitter of the blows that have fallen upon us most of us will refuse to despair of France or to believe that she is lost for all time to the cause of liberty. The alliance still lives in our hopes and our faith. Nothing done by their present rulers can destroy British respect or British gratitude for the courage of our comrades in the dangers and sufferings of the war.



OVERHAULING THE ITALIAN NAVY

Mussolini, "It's Hitler's idea. We may have to try scuttling'....".

Money For Victory

The moment has arrived when every citizen must steel himself for war sacrifices far beyond anything he has yet endured, or probably even contemplated.

Income-tax and surtax payers, it is true, have already been called upon to shoulder burdens substantially heavier than ever before, but for the broad mass of the people the incidence of the war has hitherto remained comparatively light.

Taxation has caused a steep rise in the price of certain staple luxuries, such as beer, whisky and tobacco, and prices generally have also risen to a moderate extent. But even at their present level, as measured by the (admittedly faulty) cost of living index, prices are no higher, relatively to wages, than they were in the peace, down to about 1926. Moreover, by far the greater part of the rise since war began occurred before Christmas, since when there has been little perceptible change.

Outlay and Output

This comfortable era of something not much below peace-time plenty in the midst of the grim struggle our nation has ever had to face is at an end. No illusion can be more foolish than to imagine that we can go on eating our cake and still get all the guns and aeroplanes and tanks we need for the Battle of Britain.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer sounded the warning signal when he pointed out that since the beginning of June the total Government expenditure has been at the rate of £9,500,000 a day, which is £2,500,000 a day more than the previous average. This sudden stepping-up of expenditure is due to the tremendous acceleration in our aircraft and munitions output, and the more rapid intake of men into the armed forces.

At £9,500,000 a day our annual rate of expenditure is approximately £3,500,000,000. Since Viscount Simon had allowed in his April Budget for a bill of only £2,667,000,000, the increase amounts to no less than £800,000,000.

The magnitude of the task that confronts us will be appreciated when it is recalled that this additional deficit of £800,000,000 is by itself equivalent to our whole national expenditure in an ordinary peace year. But that is by no means all. Lord Simon had pro-

vided tax revenues of only £1,234,000,000, leaving more than £1,400,000,000 of his estimated expenditure of £2,667,000,000 to be met by borrowing.

Only Two Expedients

Lord Simon himself never revealed how far he believed that a sum of this size could be raised from the genuine savings of the people. But, if we are to accept the published views of leading economists, £1,000,000,000 may be regarded as the maximum that the Government can hope to obtain by

By
J.C. Johnstone

borrowing from the public and by the realisation of gold and capital assets abroad.

On this basis there was already a shortage of at least £400,000,000, even before the recent spurt in expenditure which added a further £800,000,000, making £1,200,000,000 in all. Thus the Government is spending £1,200,000,000 a year more than it is in a position, under present conditions, to bring into its coffers. In such a situation there are only two expedients by which the Government can pay its way. It must either resort to a wholesale creation of paper money (inflation) or else it must combine drastic increases in taxation with measures to ensure an enormous expansion in the flow of public savings.

The first of the expedients, involving a runaway inflation, would be a counsel of despair. It would mean a rapid and continuing rise in prices, which would dislocate every department of the public and private economy and render all accountancy impossible.

The Evils of Inflation

The national budget would have to be subject to frequent revisions in order to meet the Government's ever-rising costs in terms of money. Contracts would have to be limited to the briefest period to avert the bankruptcy of contractors. Large sections of the community, living on fixed incomes, such as widows and pensioners, would be reduced to penury. Wage-

earners might endeavour, who only partial success, to recoup their loss in real income by demanding wage increases, but each new wage increase would only serve to enhance the viciousness of the inflation spiral. The flow of savings would dry up, since no one will save or lend money which is always losing its value.

Obviously it is to no one's interest to be swept on to this Gaderene slope of bankruptcy. If our war machine is to run smoothly we must at all costs avoid the disorderly rout of inflation, and must take upon ourselves the orderly discipline of taxation and saving.

Taxation Has Limits

The munitions we need and are determined to have, can only be got by hard work and unflinching self-sacrifice. Inflation is merely an arbitrary and unjust means of shifting the burden between one section of the community and another; the burden itself is inescapable.

We are faced then with the necessity of cutting down every form of private expenditure to a hitherto unplumbed minimum. And we must do it now, before we fall into the deadly grip of inflation, which, in the absence of Draconian measures, cannot be far away.

No one will envy the Chancellor the duty of framing new taxation, and it is a subject on which no layman can perform any useful service by attempting to offer him advice.

Let this only be said. There is not the smallest prospect of his being able to raise anything like £1,200,000,000 in new taxation. Five hundred million pounds, spread over all classes, is probably somewhere near the limit.

A second thing adumbrated by the Chancellor is the "strict curtailment of consumption." It is this "strict curtailment of consumption" which has got to find the residuary £700,000,000 and here it can be stated with certainty that the requisite degree of strictness will never be achieved without some degree of compulsion at the instigation of the Chancellor himself.

Curb Private Spending

One useful way of curtailing consumption is to limit the opportunity of purchase by restricting

the supply of goods to the shops. Steps in this direction have already been taken by the Board of Trade, but they do not go nearly far enough.

Shops all over the country are still crowded and being replenished with all manner of objects entirely unnecessary to a nation battling for its existence. If the people cannot buy they must save willy-nilly, and it is for the Government to see that they cannot buy.

Another point worth mentioning is this: Since December the Government have been spending over £50,000,000 a year to stabilise the price of certain staple foods. Their primary object they have achieved, in as much as the prices of food in general have hardly moved in the past six months.

But in their secondary object, which was to remove any excuse for wage increases, they have failed. Between January and May wages increases were granted totalling well over £50,000,000 a year — £50,000,000 towards inflation. This should stop forthwith.

Wages should be placed under the same public control as that already established for persons and property. No variation either upward or downward should be permitted without Government sanction, which should only be given for some specific reason, as, for example, in the case of the recent sharp rise in agricultural wages, which the Government themselves decreed in order to attract the necessary amount of labour back to the land.

Let People Be Told

One final word. The country has unanimously applauded the recent acceleration in the output of munitions. It is inflexibly resolved that nothing shall be stinted in the provision of whatever is necessary to banish the unconscionable curse of Hitlerism from the face of the earth. There is another £1,200,000,000 to be found to meet the bill in the next 12 months.

The nation desires no half-measures. It is ready and anxious to know the hard truth. It only asks that the Government shall tell it in all frankness exactly how and where the money can be found. Once it is told there can be no question about the nature of the response.



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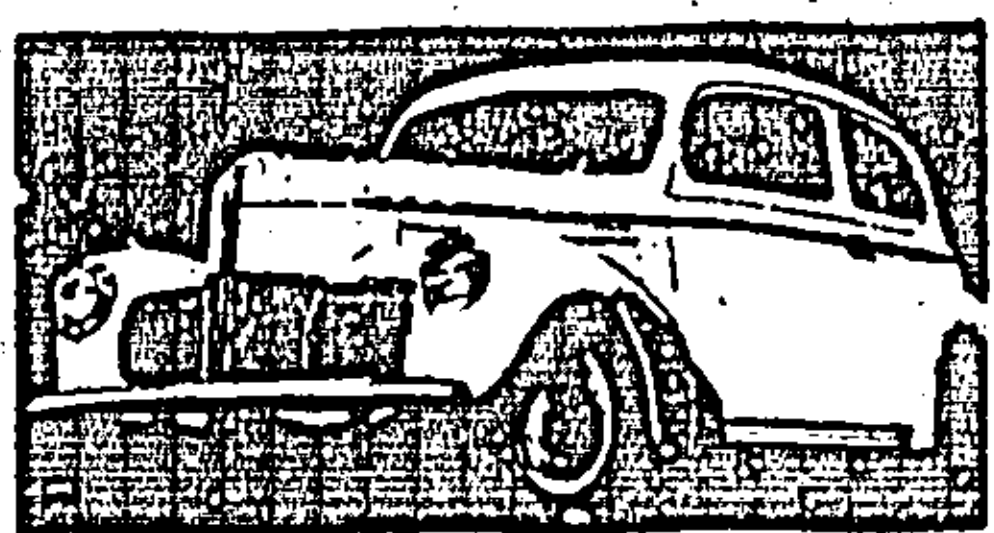
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JAPAN'S WISHFUL THINKING ON ACCORD WITH SOVIET

REPORTS OF A Pending Japanese-Soviet non-aggression pact are not supported by anything more tangible than speculation on the military advantages which would be derived from it in view of the increasing United States firmness and rumours of Anglo-American overtures towards Russia, says a Reuter despatch from Tokyo to-day.

Japanese Government officials have been frequently queried about the possibilities of a non-aggression pact but they are still adhering to expressions of hope for a fundamental adjustment of relations after the arrival of General Tatekawa, the new Ambassador, in Moscow when talks may possibly be attempted from a fresh start.

This stand was reiterated by General Tatekawa in Hsinking when he said he was starting with a clean slate and therefore it was unnecessary to consult Mr. Togo, the present Ambassador to Russia, previously.

However, the possibility is not excluded of Axis manoeuvres behind the scenes in Moscow to pave the way for a modified non-aggression treaty after the arrival of General Tatekawa.

But it is unlikely that anything more than paving the way will be done at present. At the same time, public sentiment in Tokyo is still deeply anti-Commintern and for this reason extreme ingratitude towards Russia is most unlikely.

Japan's Expectations

Although a section of the Japanese press have been making much of Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov's hint towards Japan, it is apparently expected that Russia will make concessions to Japan rather than vice versa.

It is noteworthy that the only issue settled on the crowded agenda problems at present is the boundary line, whereas the fisheries pact, yearly bone of contention between the two countries, has less than three months to remain in effect before the expiration deadline.—Reuter.

AMERICANS REACHING SHANGHAI

The families of American naval officers resident in towns along the upper reaches of the Yangtze River arrived in Shanghai by the U.S.S. Luzon and Isabel yesterday and American evacuees from North China are arriving by a U.S. transport to-day, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

Over 1,000 Americans in Shanghai are understood to have booked passage.

The first batch will leave by the Matson liner Monterey which is scheduled to reach Shanghai on October 30.—Central News.

DEALING WITH LONDON'S FIRES

The King yesterday heard how the London Fire Brigade has dealt with the many fires caused by Nazi air raids on London when he visited headquarters of the Brigade. His Majesty spent nearly half an hour in the operations room where he saw a huge map of London marked with indicators showing where fires had occurred and had been dealt with by London fire services.—British Wireless.

CYCLONIC GALE HITS BOMBAY

The worst storm within living memory struck Bombay in the early hours of yesterday morning.

At 3 p.m. (Bombay time) the streets were still comparatively deserted and many of the most important streets were closed to traffic.

Dwellings facing the sea have been blown flat. Much wreckage has been washed ashore and it is feared that loss of life in coastal craft must have been heavy.

The gale was still blowing after ten hours. A number of trees were uprooted and hurled across roads, disturbing traffic.

Falling trees and collapsing walls killed one and injured about 60.—Reuter.

POSTMAN ASSAULTED

On delivering an registered letter to No. 133, Sai Kung Road, ground floor, yesterday, a postman No. 185, Mak Kau, was struck by the receiver owing to difficulty of dialect.

As a result, Yam Kam-sum, 25, of Shanghai, was fined \$5 by Mr. E. H. M. Smith at Kowloon this morning for assault.

On delivery, the postman wanted accused to put his chop signature on the delivery note, but accused refused and started an argument.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a ridge of moderately high pressure extends from the lower Yangtze north-eastward to Hokkaido.

Pressure is relatively low over Mongolia, and in a trough extending from Indo-China to the Mariana Islands.

HUNGARIAN SENATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Admiral Nicolas Horthy, Regent of Hungary, yesterday appointed eight more Transylvanian representatives in the Senate. The new senators are all natives of the regions obtained by Hungary from Rumania.—Havas.

CHINA'S PLANS FOR BURMA RD.

While the Chinese authorities attach the greatest importance to the re-opening of the Burma road on Friday nothing spectacular, either in the form of official ceremonies or a mad dash of trucks over the highway is expected to-morrow.

Reports that 2,000 to 3,000 trucks will cross the border on Friday are probably imaginary since there is no need for the Chinese to rush the transportation of supplies into or out of China at present, now that the road is to be re-opened.

In fact the Chinese authorities will carefully avoid having any large concentration of trucks at any point in order to escape bombing.

The authorities in Chungking are mainly interested in having trucks move steadily into and out of China and not in trying to achieve this by one mad dash, as some reports appear to indicate.—Reuter.

JAPAN MISSING TOURISTS

Having relied too much on visitors from the United States, Japan's tourist industry should undertake to attract more visitors from their new European allies as well as Far Eastern countries, it was stated in Tokyo yesterday.

Branch offices of the Japan Tourist Bureau will be opened soon in Berlin, Melbourne, Sydney and Manila.

The possibility of attracting tourists from Thailand, French Indo-China and the Dutch East Indies is also being investigated, and special investigators have been sent to these countries.

Arrangements have been made to re-open the London and Paris branches of the bureau.

Among other projects considered by the bureau is the convocation of a Far Eastern conference to be held in Shanghai in the near future where those interested in the tourist trade in the Far East will exchange views.—Havas.

JAPAN BUYS HEAVILY

American exports to Japan were more than doubled during the month of August, with the dollar value amounting to \$25,188,000 or \$13 million more than in August, 1939, according to figures issued by the Department of Commerce in Washington yesterday.

Exports for the first eight months of 1940 amounted to \$147,497,000, approximately \$12 million over the comparable period last year.—Reuter.

THE 'CHAOS' OF LONDON SEEN IN LIGHT OF DAY

Reuter Tour After Night Of German Savagery

I FOUND INDUSTRIAL AND PRIVATE LIFE THROBBING AS STRONGLY AS EVER, WRITES A REUTER SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT AFTER A TWO-HOUR TOUR OF LONDON ON BOTH SIDES OF THE THAMES YESTERDAY.

German bombers which raided the capital the previous night had succeeded in laying low a bit more of this vast sprawling city and its suburbs but the "unprecedented chaos" and "paralysis of services for some time to come" claimed by Berlin I saw was a hollow boast.

I hailed a taxi from the pool of road transport which with the railways had brought all London to work as usual long before lunch. We were held up hardly 15 minutes before starting the tour while taxis, buses, trams and lorries straightened themselves out in this busy corner of central London.

The jam was no worse than in pre-war days and was the longest wait I experienced. At the first main line terminus I reached by way of diversions which sent the taximeter up only 1/- above the normal fare, trains were running normally.

There was a small colony of people, mostly women and children evacuating from freshly damaged homes.

A railway official commented: "The crowd is no bigger than usual."

Normal Trains

From a night porter in a suburban section of the station I learned that there was no interference with the morning's business trains.

Elsewhere broken walls, gaps in the road and scattered glass told of a stick of bombs which had fallen in the neighbourhood. Squads of workmen were busy cleaning up the mess.

Blackened hosepipes ringed an area half a mile square. Two solitary fire engines passed on their return to station.

Smoke was rising from one of London's biggest electric power stations but it was coming from chimneys and workmen were just emerging from their lunch.

Business As Usual

I stopped at a roadside cafe for a quick lunch. The milkman and baker had called but the proprietor had words with the butcher, who was half an hour late.

Mothers passed with shopping bags. Dockland was far from dead.

In the City, businesses and banks were carrying on as usual.

Tails Up

All over the dozen London districts I toured there was evidence of bomb damage, old and new, but what struck me was that Londoners had got the measure of the latest attack on their homes as quickly as they did in the first mass attack in September and those every night since, and were hard at work putting matters straight or carrying on with their ordinary work.—Reuter.

A.R.P. ACCIDENT

While working in No. 3, A.R.P. Tunnel in the Central District yesterday, Mr. E. V. Olsson was injured when some rock fell upon him. He was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

LONG DELAYS IN CALL-UP

Criticism is still being heard regarding delays in the calling-up of men for the Forces. Despite a Ministry of Labour explanation that the intake rate has been accelerated, and that the average interval between registration and call-up is now about two months, there is evidence that often a much longer period elapses.

A reporter was told of men of 22 and 23, whose classes were registered before the end of last year and early this year, who are still awaiting their orders to report. Now that the Army, according to the Secretary for War, Mr. Eden, is drafting in men at the rate of 7,000 a day, it may be assumed that their exclusion is either because they are in the tradesmen's "pool" or they have been scheduled for eventual service with the Navy or the R.A.F.

Revise Waiting List

If these Services still cannot absorb such young men, it is suggested that the waiting list should be revised and reduced, while those retained should be called up for preliminary training.

Other cases concern men of 26 who, when their class was registered, in April, expressed a desire to follow their trades or to undertake specialist duties with the R.A.F. They still remain in civilian life.

Among men in early classes whose call is also long deferred are those with mechanical knowledge who are to be drafted, when required, to the Navy, Army, or R.A.F. Here, again, it is suggested that if the supply temporarily exceeds the demand, the pool should be drained a little, and the men called up for general training until they are wanted in their own jobs.

There is some evidence of corresponding delays in the industrial sphere. Many people anxious to undertake munition work are disheartened by the time lag between their enrolment and employment.

CAMMEL LAIRD CHAIRMAN KILLED IN RAID

Mr. W. L. Hichens, Chairman of the great shipping firm, Messrs. Cammel Laird, a director of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway and other large industrial concerns and a member of the Carnegie New York Trust, has been killed in an air raid on London. He was 66 years of age. —Reuter.

JAPANESE TARZAN FOUND

A Japanese version of Tarzan is now an inmate of the Itabashi poorhouse in Tokyo. He is about 17 years old, eats crow and dove meat raw and does not know where he was born.

He was found by the Ikebukuro police during a hunt for delinquent youths. Because he had no one to take care of him, he was sent to the Itabashi asylum.

According to the youngster, his earliest memory is that he was living with an old man in out-of-the-way mountains in Wakayama prefecture. During his life with the strange old man in the mountains, he was taught by him a variety of old martial sports. He lived on berries, fruits and meat of wolves and wild birds in the mountain forests.

As he grew up to adolescence, the old man said that he had nothing more to learn from him and that he should descend the mountains. So saying, the old man vanished like smoke, the boy says.

Since that day he had been wandering aimlessly until he was arrested. When he came to Tokyo he ate the meat of doves in shrines which he killed by hitting them with stones.

The boy is five feet four inches tall. He has a handsome face and wears white pants and shirt and a hunting cap. Being very agile, he likes to climb trees in the asylum compound. He calls himself Taro Kanda.

CHUNGKING RAID

Three Japanese planes flying from Hupeh raided Chungking at 8 o'clock yesterday evening. Ten bombs were dropped, wounding two men and demolishing several houses.—Central News.

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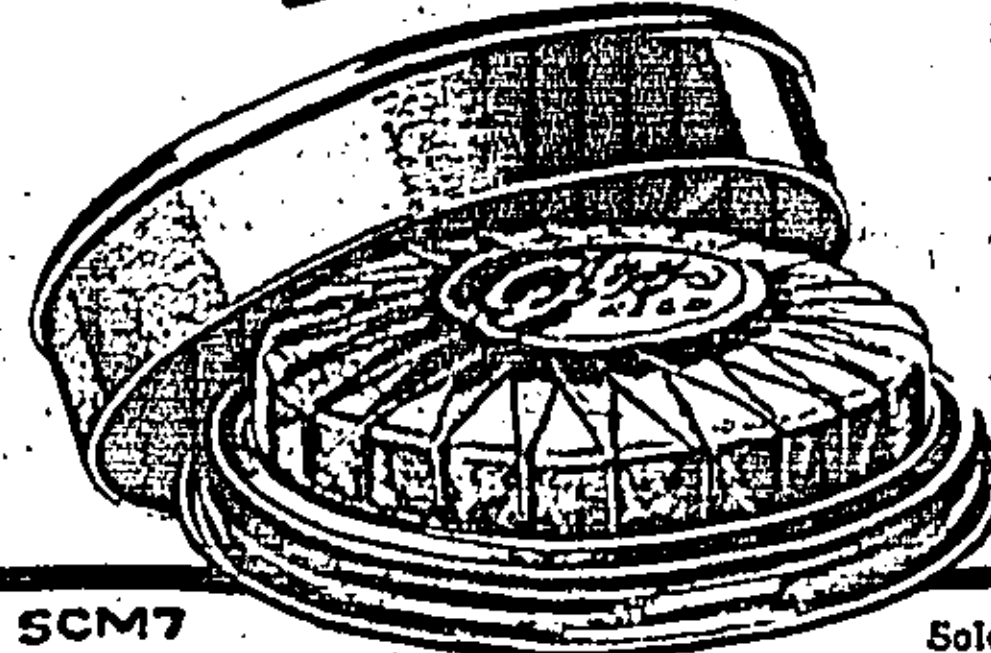
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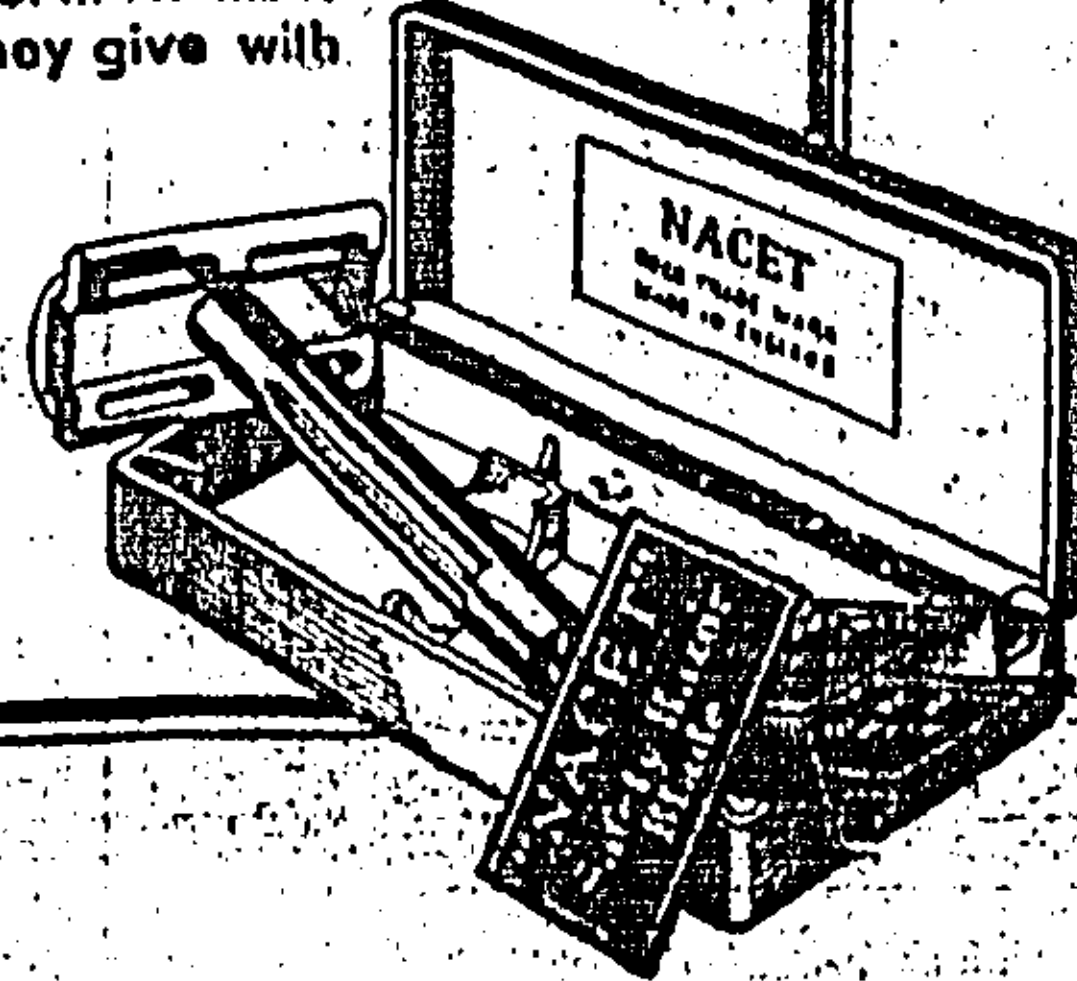


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A. G. CLARKE, Commissioner of War Taxation. 16th October, 1940.

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BRIDGE NOTES

A London reader forwards an unusual and instructive deal, made by South at game all:

NORTH
S—x x x
H—K J x x x
D—x
C—A K x
WEST
S—x x
H—10 x
D—x x x
C—10 x x x x x
EAST
S—A Q x
H—A Q x
D—Q x x
C—Q J x x
SOUTH
S—K J 10 x x
H—x x
D—A K J x x x
C—None

The auction (which I fear I must stigmatise as atrocious) went—
South West North East
2D No 3H (!) No
2S No 4C (!) No
5D (!) No No Double
On a heart lead South was penalised 800 points. The sender considers the N-S hands an exposure of the losing count on the ground that "South has five losers and North seven losers, so that a small slam should be assured."

The first feature of the hand is an unusual form of that old bugbear "duplication of values". South reckons on ruffing a couple of clubs, and North reckons on making the very same pair of tricks with his A, K! The second feature is an unusual lack of cross-communications, considering how strong the N-S hands are; poor South was quite unable to get at North's clubs. The third feature is the reckless fashion in which N-S started the bidding at an eight-trick level and kept jumping it unnecessarily without discovering whether there was the least hope of a fit in a suit. North had no excuse for bidding 3H on the first round, as a misfit was very probable. His 4C bid was equally thoughtless, since it ended all hope of a 3NT contract, and he knew that South was weak in void in hearts; though he could not know that East held A, Q. Fourthly, neither North nor South seem to have mastered plastic valuation, for it is quite untrue to claim that their joint hands contained but twelve losers at diamonds.

The North hand has nine losers at diamonds, seven at hearts, and nine at no-trumps. The South hand has five losers at diamonds, nine at no trump, and, say, seven at spades, considering that one heart and three clubs may demand to be ruffed with only five trumps headed by K, J, 10. So the losing count, properly applied, emerges with reasonable credit from the valuation, though a small slam in spades can be made on a club lead. The correct play of the diamond suit is a further point of interest, as the odds are in favour of the invisible six diamonds splitting 4-2. It remains to discuss how the hands should be bid, and my suggestions would be as follows:—

South.—1D. (The deal obviously lends itself to approach bidding.)

West.—Pass.

North.—1H. (It is true that he has only seven losers at hearts, but he is weak at any other denomination, and a force cannot possibly be justified till the general situation has been further illuminated.)

East.—Pass. (He is quietly licking his chops.)

South.—1S. (Still apprehensive of a frightful misfit.)

North.—2NT or 3H. (North has a thorny decision to make at this point. If he calls 2H it would be a sign-off at most systems. A bid of 3H crowds the auction and fails to show the club controls. I think that 2NT is perhaps the more informative of his two rational bids.)

East.—Pass. (He is getting happier every moment.)

South.—3D (over 2NT) or 3S (over 3H). (Another awkward bid.)

North.—3S (over 3D) or 4S (over 3S). (East ceases to gloat, as he dare not double 4S.)

The 4S contract is slightly anxious work for South against a heart lead, though he will, of course, make it. On a club lead he will make 6S.



The honeymoon is over when the groom finds his side of the family argument is the outside.

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Mr. J. R. Bishop, prosecuting said Mrs. Hart was arrested after she had made a very determined effort to board a liner bound for the United States.

She was asked how much money she had on her and replied that she had £30—£10 was for herself and £10 for each of her two grandchildren, aged five and seven, accompanying her.

She was handed over to a woman searcher. All that was found on her was £30.

Spoken to by a police officer, she admitted that she had more. Three bank notes, each of £500, were found on her.

She said: "I am sorry. I did it for the grandchildren. As I was not robbing anyone, I did not think it was so serious. It is my own money."

The stipendiary magistrate released her on bail.

WOMEN WATCH FOR RAIDERS

The tiny Suffolk village of Benhall has organised its own corps of women observers, who, from sunrise to nightfall, watch out for parachutists.

The oldest of the volunteers is nearly 70, the youngest a girl of 17. Most of them are wives and mothers whose husbands work all day on the land and who belong to the L.D.V. At sunrise, the first woman watcher goes on duty, and every hour the patrol is changed.

Mrs. A. C. Pepper, a farmer's wife, who is organising the volunteers in one part of the village, said to a reporter:

"The women are as keen as can be. Children at the village school have made us white armlets bearing the letters 'W.O.', meaning Women Observers. Every week we have a meeting over a cup of tea and work out a seven-day rota. There is only one thing we want now—binoculars or telescopes."

Twenty-year-old Diana Holland, chief organiser, said: "We are practical women, and some of us are crack shots, but they will not let us carry guns."

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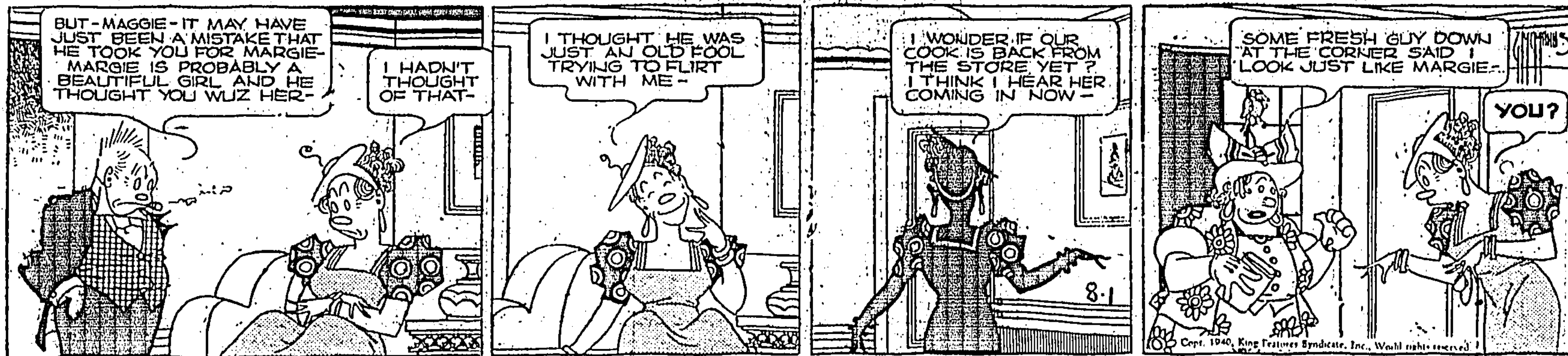
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Four Beauty Aids

So much is written for the younger beauty in the way of skin care, but it is the woman over forty who needs to heed complexion advice.

Aging skin (and skin ages quickly after thirty) requires specific and intelligent care. Deep pore cleansing is of greatest importance, to begin with. It takes a quickly liquefying cleansing preparation for the oily skin, and a more substantial cream mixture for the dry skin. Both should be followed by a washing with warm water and suds of a bland soap.

Next in order is an astringent. Here again you must purchase your aid with care—selecting a mild astringent for the dry skin and one which is more firming to the oily skin. Some cosmeticians advise that the astringent be used after the cleansing cream, with no soap and water shampoo between. You may experiment with your own skin and follow the method it reacts to with the better result.

Keep Skin Free Of Lines

Some skins at forty-plus have excellent texture. They have either been well cared for during the past ten years, or the owner has been blessed with very good health and few tribulations. Most women past forty require a rich lubricating cream to banish lines, or to prevent them from appearing. Such a cream is massaged in at night, or may be used after every soap washing, and before applying make-up. Of course, if you have been fortunate to find the perfect make-up foundation formula, then by all means use it. Otherwise, a little lubricating cream massaged into the skin thoroughly, serves admirably, especially if you are a devotee of a cream rouge.

Which Masque Do You Use?

For ages past women have resorted to masques to firm their facial muscles and to keep the



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pores from becoming enlarged. To-day a masque is as essential in any skin care, as in Cleopatra's time. Women who have the beauty of their skin at heart, should use a masque every ten days, or every two weeks. But do not allow your face muscles to depend too greatly on this firming

aid. Exercise it, and be conscious of lifting the tiny muscles when you smile, and keep them lifted as you go about your regular duties. If you allow them to droop, they will droop badly, and no masque will be able to lift them to pleasing, youthful lines.

Your Neck And Back

The majority of women have been schooled in keeping their throats well cared for but many, pay no attention to their upper shoulders and back. Their upper shoulders should be creamed and firmed along with the face skin, and their backs should be scrubbed well with a bath brush and creamed at least twice a week.

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Four Exercises For Toe-Bar

First Exercise: Place the toes of the feet firmly around the bar, balancing the weight of the body on some support, such as the back of a chair. Then lower the body, and raise it in this position at least six times. This motion stretches the several joints and massages the foot surfaces touching the bar.

Second Exercise: With the toes still around the bar, stand erect and touch the floor with the heels several times.

Third Exercise: Place the heels on the bar and touch the floor several times with the toes.

Fourth Exercise: Massage the arch of one foot, then the other, for several minutes by rubbing the arch over the bar. Do this in a semi-circular motion, rubbing only the arch.

Note: If the foot develops a soreness, rest a few days, then begin exercises all over. This schedule may be followed both morning and night.

Care Of Your Feet

This same authority continues in his advice by telling us feet should be given well-fitting, but not snug-fitting shoes. We retard the blood supply to the feet if we wear too tight stockings and shoes.

Every night or morning during your bath you should give the feet a thorough massage or brushing with a bath brush and rinse them with cool water. Dry well between the toes.

When you return home at the end of the day take off your shoes and stockings and run around barefoot before you bathe. Massage the toes well with a soothing cream, and pull each out so you can almost hear the tiny joints crack. The toes require forced exercise.

Make Toe-Bar For Your Home

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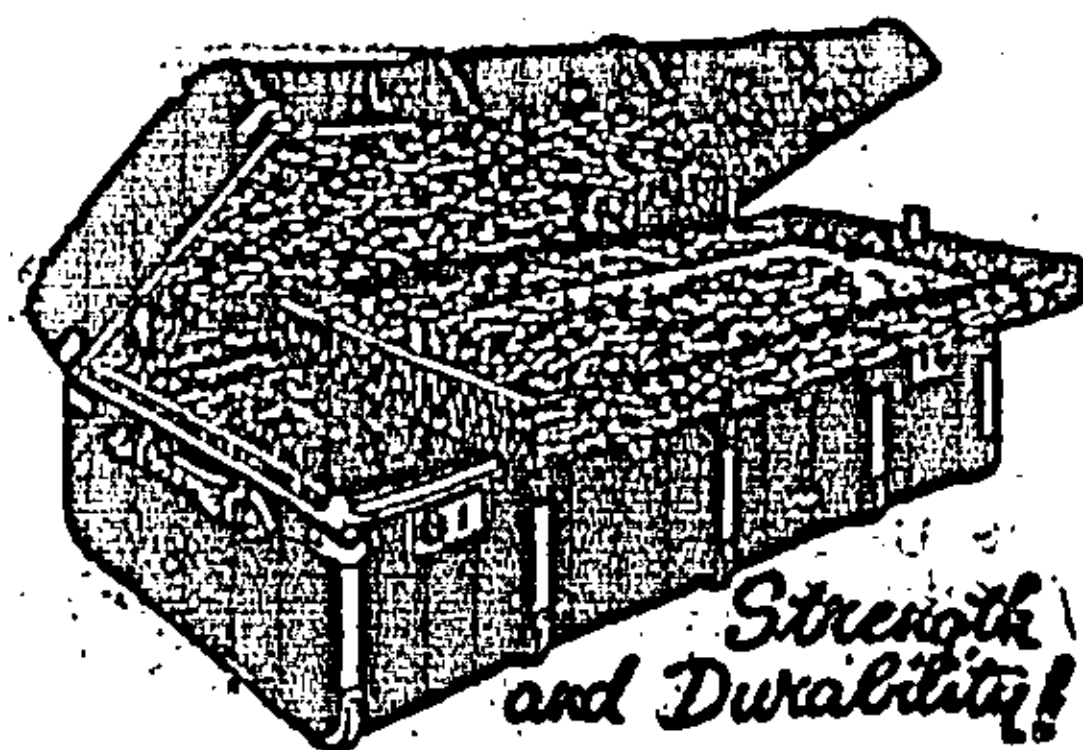
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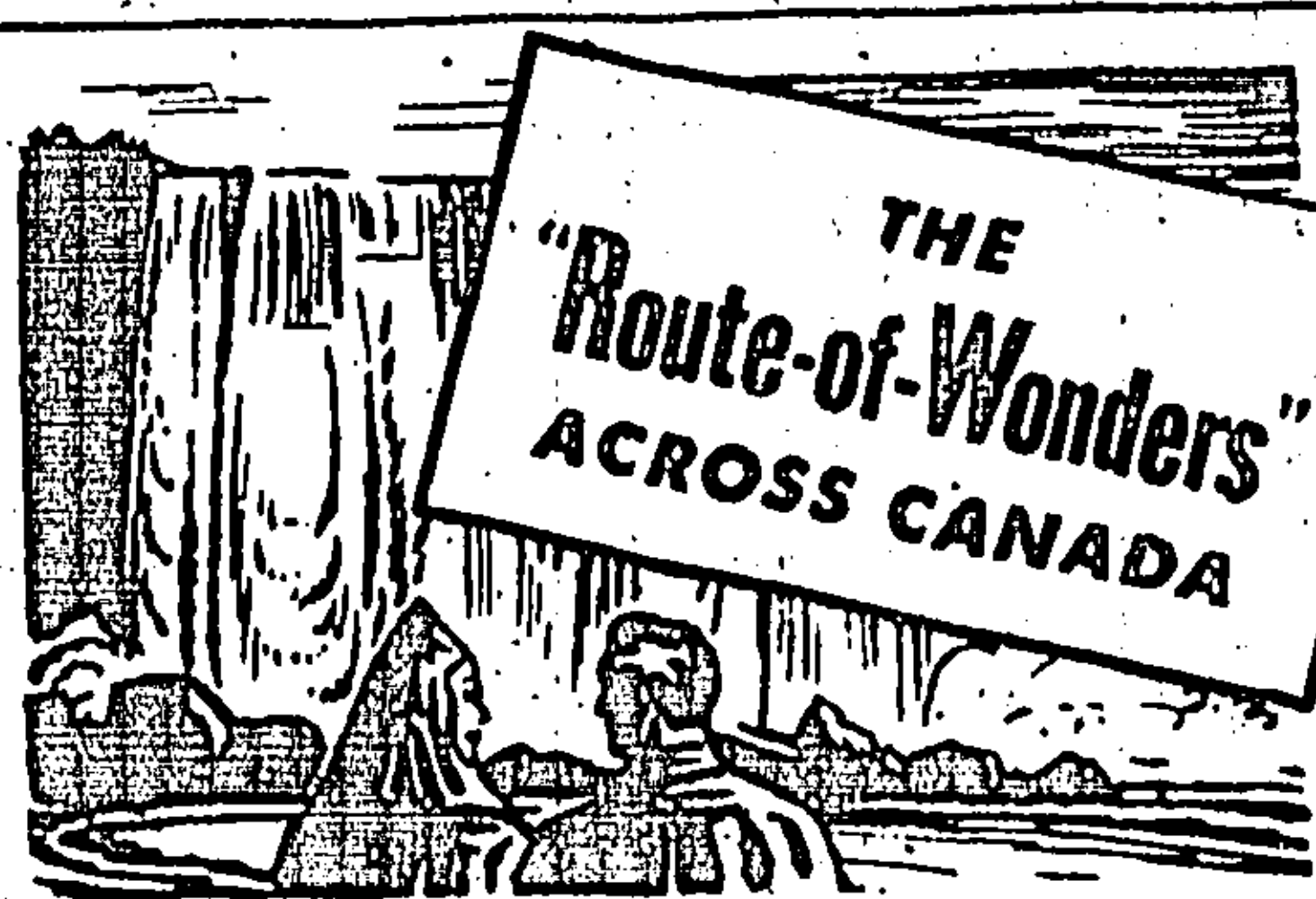
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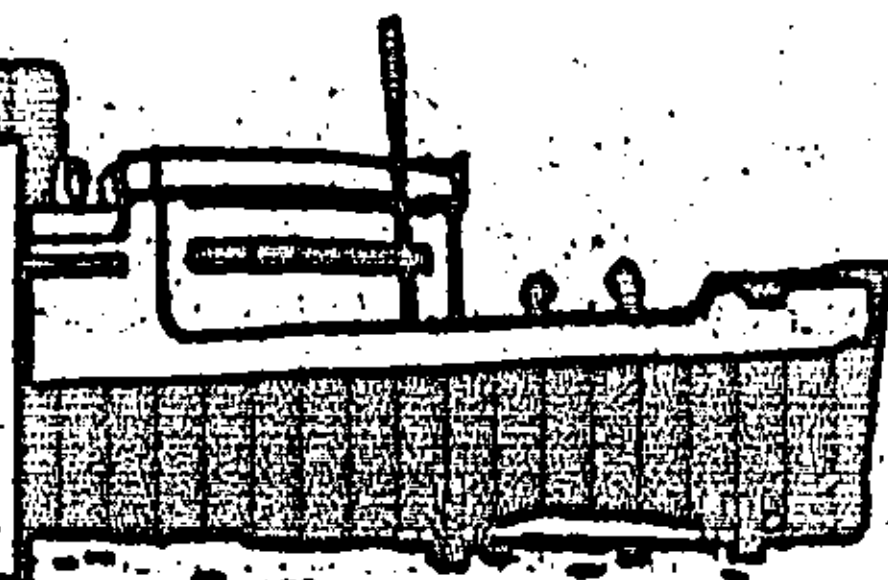
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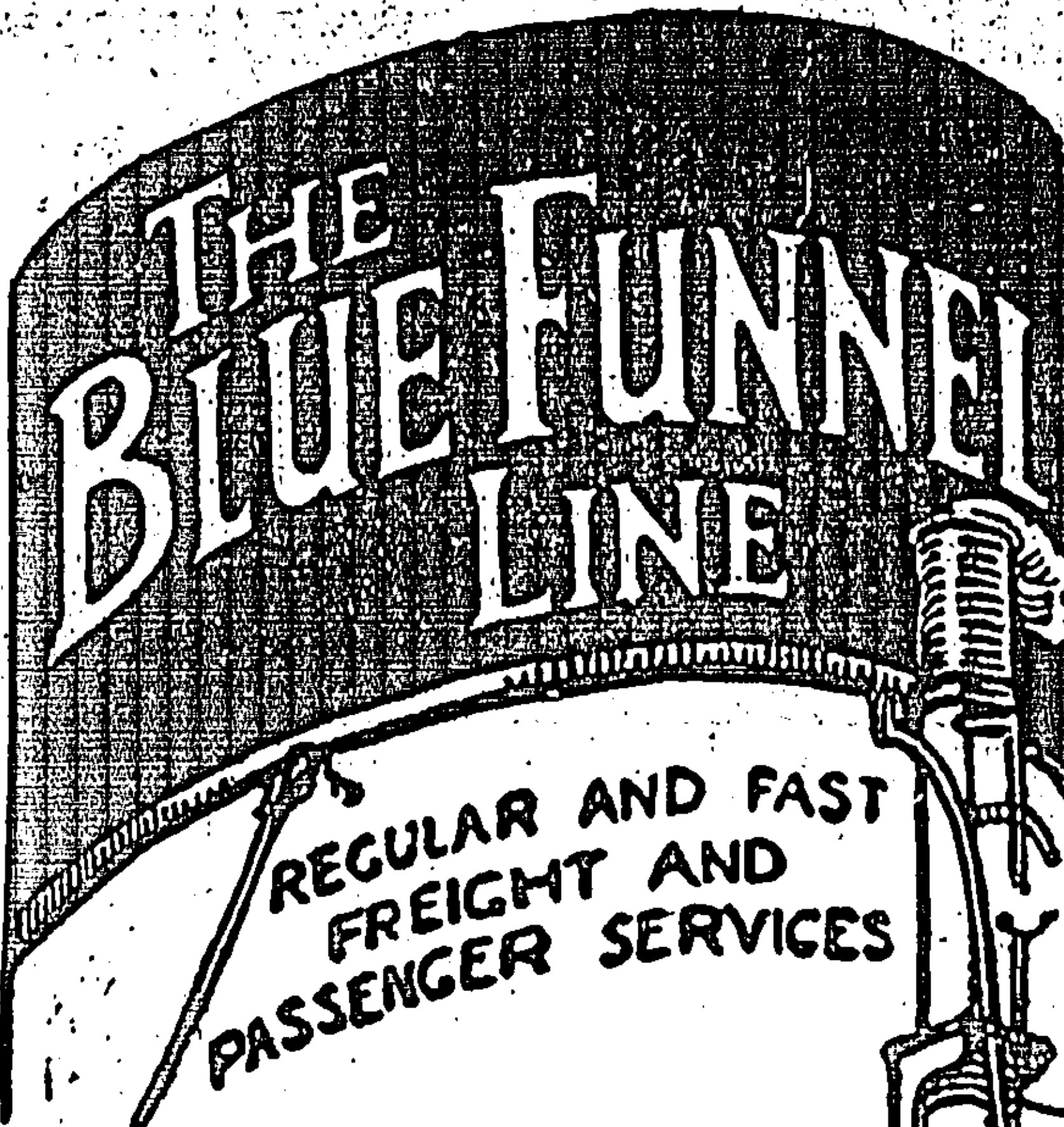
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press,
Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Variety Programme.
6.00 p.m.—Variety with Gracie Fields,
Stan Holloway and Flotsam and Jetsam.
6.34 p.m.—Maurice Winnick and His
Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—On Treasure Island; Some
Other Time.
Slow Fox-Trot—A Couple of April
Fools.
Fox-Trots—Moonburn (Film 'Anything
goes'); A Star Fell Out of Heaven;
Did I Remember? (Film 'Suzy').
Slow Fox-Trot—The Sweetest Music
This Side of Heaven.
Fox-Trot Medley—Intro; It's time to
say good-night; Let's put out the
lights and go to sleep; Goodnight,
I'll see you in the Morning; Good-
night Sweetheart.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.
7.30 p.m.—Sydney Gustard at the
Organ.
7.45 p.m.—Constant Lambert—The Rio
Grande. The Halle Orchestra with
The St. Michael's Singers conducted
by Constant Lambert.
8.02 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Symphony No.
4 in A Major "Italian". Sir Hamilton
Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra.
8.27 p.m.—Some Schubert Songs.
Gretchen at the Spinning Wheel, No.
2; Fisher-Ways, Op. 98, No. 4....
Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with
Piano accomp.
A Song of Vienna... Elisabeth Schu-
man (Soprano) with Orchestra.
8.37 p.m.—A Short Violin Recital by
Joseph Szigeti.
Rondo (Schubert; Op. 53).
Scherzo Valse (Chabrier).
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News
and News Commentaries.
9.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy.
9.45 p.m.—Billy Mayerl—"Four Aces"
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CRICKET NOTES

Argumentative Points Crop Up In Game On Saturday

How Long Must Fielder Hold Ball For A Catch

CAN BATSMAN PLAY BALL AND STILL BE L.B.W.?

By "Adrem"

CRICKET WAS PLAYED fairly extensively on Saturday and the season can now be said to be well under way, with some good matches in the offing for which to look forward.

The two big games on Saturday were those at Kowloon between the senior elevens of Kowloon Cricket Club and Recreio, and the Club-I.R.C. game at Chater Road.

One or two points that arose from the former match provide interesting argument if nothing else.

One of them is the length of time a fielder is required to hold a ball in order to catch a batsman. On Saturday Ernie Fincher ran in and held a ball from L. G. Gosano a few inches off the ground. He then staggered forward, off balance, and his hand touched the ground with the ball underneath. The umpire adjudged Gosano to be out but there was some discussion in the pavilion afterwards as to whether Fincher had had the ball in his hand long enough.

On this point Wisdens says: "If the ball, from a stroke of the bat or the hand, but not the wrist, be held before it touch the ground, although it be hugged to the body of the catcher—caught."

In this case Fincher definitely did hold the ball, in that his hand closed over it, so the umpire would seem to have ruled correctly.

Other Point

The other point which cropped up referred to the l.b.w. rule and is one that has been a source of worry to one of the most prominent cricketers in K.C.C. for some seasons. On Saturday Ozorio was given out l.b.w. to a ball which he had played. Whether or not the umpire was aware of the fact that it had been played is not known.

The contention of the cricketer mentioned above, however, is that even if the ball is played, as long as the umpire believes the



ball would have hit the wicket in conformity with the l.b.w. rule the batsman is out.

His argument is based on the fact that in the rule covering l.b.w., no mention is made of a batsman being not out if the ball is first played and in Special Instructions for First-Class Umpires in Inter-County Matches 1939 it states specifically that "The Striker shall not be given out l.b.w., if the ball has touched his bat or hand before hitting his person," and so the suggestion is that in ordinary cricket the striker should be given out!

I will reproduce the l.b.w. rule for those who are not familiar with its wording:—

"If, with any part of his person (except his hand) which is between wicket and wicket he (the batsman) intercepts a ball, which in the opinion of the umpire at the bowler's wicket, shall have been pitched in a straight line from the bowler's wicket to the striker's wicket or shall have been pitched on the off-side of the striker's wicket and would have hit it—Leg Before Wicket."

It is true that the foregoing does not state specifically that the batsman is not out if he plays the ball before it strikes his person but a subsequent law provides for him to guard his wicket after having played the ball and it could always be argued, as in the case of Ozorio, that having played the ball he realised it was going on to his wicket which he "guarded" with his pad. Of course we know that it is impossible for a man, however bright he may be, to make judgments as fast as that but for the purpose of legal argument the rule is there and covers him. Here it is: "If the ball be struck, or be stopped by any part of his person and he wilfully strike it again except it be done for the purpose of guarding his wicket, which he may do with his bat or any part of his person, except his hand—Hit the Ball Twice."

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB TEAMS

The following will represent Kowloon at cricket on Saturday:
Versus Royal Scots (Home):—S. A. Gray (Capt.), E. Curtis, G. A. V. Hall, R. T. Fenlon, H. Brokenshire, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, W. Parsons, C. A. Goodban, B. D. Lay, F. J. Lay, Umpire, H. Overy; Score, T. W. Carr.
Versus Police (Away):—D. Hung, W. L. Riple, A. Zimmerman, J. R. Luke, W. Mills, F. Crabbe, J. W. Bertram, G. W. Giffen, T. O. Morgan, L. R. Burch, N. Leigh.

SUNDAY
Versus Army (Home), at 11 a.m.:—E. C. Fincher (Capt.), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, N. A. E. Mackay, D. Hung, W. L. Riple, A. Zimmerman, R. R. Zimmerman, R. T. Broadbridge, R. Baldwin, S. A. Gray, Umpire, J. P. Robinson; Scorer, T. W. Carr.

GAIRDNER SHINES IN RUGBY TRIAL

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

CLUB'S RUGBY TRIAL YESTERDAY, HANDICAPPED BY A LATE STAR, AND A SLIGHTLY SLIPPERY BALL, WAS NOT QUITE THE SUCCESS ANTICIPATED.

Players not on view were Bidwell, Stout, Stark, Redman, Thomas, Moore, Jones and Needham (who is a sunburn victim), while Gairdner, Davies, Lee and Wilson were the only reserves to turn out.

Of the few newcomers I liked Clemo's service from the base of the scrum, and he appears certain to fill the scrum-half position in all "A" matches. He is a product of Bedford School. Davies looks promising, but has not settled down as yet.

Gairdner played a robust game in Stripes' pack and a place should be found for him among the first fifteen forwards. His weight would be invaluable in the second row. Hackett gave a much more promising display than ever he did last season, and it would not surprise me in the least to see him playing in the second row on Saturday.

Stripes opened the scoring when Aitkenhead broke through and needlessly passed to Charter, who went over in the corner. Charter failed to convert and the interval arrived with Stripes leading 3-0. In the second half Davies, who changed places with Day, went into Whites' pack to allow Taylor to come out into the back division and Dunnett changed places with Castleton.

Bosanquet, Stewart, Thomson, as the result of a perfect cut through, Bosanquet, who evaded five players in a dazzling run, and Stewart scored between the posts, and the only kick taken, after Thomson's score, was by Castleton (of Whites), who failed dismally from in front of the posts.

Teams were:
STRIPES—Thompson; Stewart, Davies, Charter and Bosanquet; Aitkenhead and Thomson; Lee, Castleton, Mooney, Gairdner, Benn, Birt and Dalziel.
COLOURS—Wilson, Carruthers, Day and Van Leeuwen; Morgan and Clemo; Heasman, Dunnett, McCrea, Kennedy, Hackett, Taylor and Godfrey.

Easy Win For Police

In a friendly Rugby game at Boundary Street yesterday Police beat 5th A.A. Battery, Royal Artillery, by five tries (15 points) to nil.

Howlett, the soccer player, played a good game at back for Police, while Taylor was the pick of the threequarters. Wall was outstanding in a sound pack.

The Gunners played well, but they ruined many chances by being offside. Heath played a very good game at forward. Taylor (2), Wall (2) and Oakley scored unconverted tries for Police.

Club Teams

Club teams selected to meet Army on Saturday are:

1st XV—Thompson; Bosanquet, Charter, Day and Stewart; Aitkenhead and Thomson; Heasman, Dunnett, Kennedy, Hackett, Gairdner; Godfrey, Taylor and McCrea.

"A" XV—Hopkins; Wilson, Carruthers, Jones and van Leeuwen; Morgan and Clemo; Stout, Castleton, Lee; Benn, Moodie; Davies, Birt and Thomas.

Only criticism to offer is Aitkenhead at stand-off in place of Charter. Day is playing in place of Bidwell and Dunnett deserves his promotion on yesterday's showing and in the absence of Burford.

V.R.C. INQUIRY INTO SOUTH CHINA PROTEST

By "Adrem"

THE BREAKING of a 27 year-old record was not the only sensational happening in the Annual Harbour Race this year. Yesterday saw the culmination of another, the rejection of protest by the South China Athletic Association against alleged intentional obstruction by J. Marques, of V.R.C. against Miss Lee Po-luen, who finished second to Miss Celeste Guterres, who also established a record.

Throughout the long history of the harbour race there has never been a parallel case and it is unfortunate from every point of view that it should have cropped up.

An Inquiry held at Victoria Recreation Club, under whose auspices the harbour race is swum, yesterday found Marques guilty of neither intention nor fouling and he was exonerated.

I don't propose to discuss yesterday's hearing or to produce fully the evidence on both sides but I will say that as the "court" was constituted argument would have gone on all night without any progress being made had not Mr. Barretto called a halt at about 7.30.

It was apparent that nothing would shake members of both sides from their convictions and there was no point in going further.

Leg Pulled

A brief summing up of the hearing is as follows:—Miss Lee said that a few minutes after diving off from Kowloon she felt someone pulling her leg and, turning round, saw Marques. About half-way across the harbour she was obstructed by a sampan in which there were some people shouting to Marques and Miss Guterres. Questioned later she stated that she thought the sampan was deliberately blocking her although she admitted that there were only sampan people on board.

Miss Lee was rather doubtful as to the positions of the various swimmers on approaching the ramp which extends beyond the V.R.C. clubhouse but maintained that as she approached the ramp she was in front of Marques and Miss Guterres. On breasting the ramp she alleged that Marques swam across her several times forcing her to change her course and she arrived at the seawall three and a half strokes (breast) behind Miss Guterres.

Miss Lee said she had no doubt that Marques deliberately obstructed her.

Other witnesses provided little evidence of value as their stories tallied on very few points and argument occurred frequently between them as to the positions of the swimmers at various stages. There appears to be little doubt, however, that Marques did obstruct Miss Lee at least once.

Although it was irrelevant, Mr. Barretto, to satisfy Miss Guterres' supporters that she had won on merit, established that Miss Guterres actually gained on Miss Lee from the time they turned into the straight and there was no suggestion of obstruction.

Unenviable Position

From my own viewpoint, I think South China were at fault in bringing a charge in that it placed Miss Lee, after all little more than a child, in a most unenviable position at the inquiry; Miss Lee herself gave evidence in a very unsatisfactory manner—her suggestion that Marques pulled her leg a few seconds after the start being ridiculous and her contention that a sampan, with only the crew on board, deliberately blocked her, savouring of an obstruction complex; her description of the incidents at the finish were so vague as to tell little or nothing.

Other witnesses, although they were doubtful when pinned down to give descriptions of the exact positions of the swimmers when the alleged incidents occurred, were obviously sincere and, as home the following day,

there was no argument from the defence when it was stated that there were shouts (to Marques) of "keep out", from the V.R.C. clubhouse, it can be accepted that obstruction did take place.

Marques denied knowledge of obstruction so the question of intention did not arise. I certainly believed him when he said he had "pulled no legs on his way over." I also agreed with him when he said that if he had wanted to obstruct he would not have been so mad as to have done it—as alleged by South China—just after the start and just before the finish, and it does seem incredible that anyone would wittingly do what Marques was alleged to have done in full view of hundreds of people.

In conclusion therefore one must sympathise with Miss Lee and South China for natural disappointment at having lost a race, whether Marques' unintentional for that we must call it—obstruction would have made any difference was proved to be extremely doubtful; we must also sympathise with Marques for being given a great deal of undesirable publicity through over-zealousness in his task of "keeping an eye" on Miss Guterres, but to try and prove either intentional fault or innocence from all blame is something it would take a Solomon to decide and to the whole subject is best forgotten. One thing is certain Marques will have learned to be less thoughtless in the future.

INTERPORT ALL FIXED

By "Adrem"

Landing permits from the local Police authorities having been secured yesterday for the visiting Swimming Interport team, and information to this effect having been cabled to Manila, there is now nothing to do but wait for the arrival of the Manilans.

I was informed by Mr. A. O. Barretto last night that a party of 22 swimmers—14 men and 8 women—were expected on a Japanese liner on Tuesday and the Interport contest would be decided over three days—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Times for starting would be 6.07 p.m. for the first two days and 9.07 p.m. on the Friday.

Prices of admission to reserved seats will be \$2.20 for the first two days and \$3.30 for the third day, with season tickets costing \$7. A limited number of these tickets are now available and may be purchased at the clubhouse.

The Interport dinner will take place on Saturday starting at 8 p.m. and, I understand, the Manilans will be leaving for ashore the following day.

CAPABLANCA ANXIOUS TO PLAY AGAINST ALEKHINE FOR TITLE

Jose R. Capablanca, of Cuba, who held the chess championship of the world for seven years, has arrived in New York anxious for another series for the title with Dr. Alexander Alekhine. However, since the fall of France to the Germans, Dr. Alekhine's whereabouts are unknown over here, the last that was heard of him being shortly before the fall of Paris, when efforts by him to arrange a chess exhibition under the National Chess Centre in London failed.

Dr. Alekhine had become a French citizen as a Russian expatriate following the accession to power of the Soviets. Until a few years ago he was a welcome visitor to German chess circles, having defeated E. D. Bogolubow, another Russian expatriate.

Capablanca, who is to remain in New York for some time, is hopeful that it may be possible to arrange a match with Dr. Alekhine at some future date, provided the latter is available and amenable to the idea.—Reuter.

DOCTOR CLAIMS SUGAR HELPS GOLF PLAYERS

WHILE FIRST CLASS and International standard golf naturally depends largely on expert use of the clubs, it also depends to a large extent on the degree of sugar content in the blood of a golfer, according to a study just completed by Dr. Paul Michael, of Oakland City, California.

In his report to the American Medical Association, Dr. Michael submitted that if a golfer carried fewer spare balls around the course with him and replaced them with a supply of sugar to eat while playing, his scores would be greatly improved.

Tests Made By Doctor

A series of tests were made on 30 golfers ranging from 30 to 45 years of age and possessing handicaps of 10 to 27. The eating of sugar during their playing enabled them to reduce their handicaps considerably. The tests were conducted by taking average golfers, letting them start their round after lunch and taking a blood sample after each hole. As far as possible the studies were performed under normal conditions, with the exception that they were not permitted to smoke during the tests. These tests showed that the sugar content in their blood reached its height when players were at the fifth hole. At the seventh hole the sugar level was on the decline, and from the 11th to the 15th it was so low that the men might not have had their lunch, the survey showed.

Sugar, according to Dr. Michael, which is quickly absorbed, creates energy, which instead of being stored up as some other elements are, is quickly expended and needs constant replenishing when more than the usual amount of energy is being called upon.

It is suggested that candy or sugar be taken after the seventh hole, which will relieve fatigue, create new energy and rounds into form both muscles and nerves for continuing the successful fight against high handicaps.

DEMPSEY SAYS "COMEBACK" ONLY HIS JOKE

Jack Dempsey's "comeback" attempts are over. In Montreal on a recent visit Dempsey finally confessed that his recent fights were more in fun than anything else.

The 45-year-old ex-heavyweight champion said he would stick to refereeing as far as ring activities for him were concerned, for 45 is too old for fighting.

"I guess maybe I've been a little foolish about this comeback stuff," he said in an interview. "I'm too old to make a comeback. All my friends have been telling me I'd better quit before I get hurt and I guess maybe they're right."

Dempsey claimed that he was still in good physical shape and said he thought he could "lick some of those bums" that are fighting now, but that that was beside the point. He never intended to try a comeback and the whole thing was just a joke.

"Somebody suggested I fight this Cowboy Luttrell after we'd had a bit of an argument over a wrestling bout I was refereeing, so I decided what the hell, I'd fight anybody just for the fun of it. So I fought this guy Luttrell. Then the offers started to pour in and what could I do but accept them. It was picking up money and who's going to turn down easy dough?" he said.—Reuter.

JIMMY BRADDOCK TRYING COMEBACK

Boxing fans in Kansas City were unanimous last week in predicting that Jimmy Braddock, former heavyweight king, would not go very far in his comeback campaign.

Braddock last night swapped punches with Jack Lague of San Antonio, Tex., in a four-round exhibition bout, and at the end of the fight, fans agreed that Jim was but a shadow of his former self.

ATTEMPT TO JAPONISE BASEBALL MEETS SNAGS

The movement to Japonise baseball by shedding all English words and phrases pertaining to the game, has struck a serious snag, the "Asahi" reports. Baseball moguls in Japan are stumped in their search for the Japanese equivalents for "safe" and "out."

Two of the leading professional nines are going ahead with the programme, however. As a first step in the right direction, they have dropped their English, and are adopting Japanese names.

Thus, the Tigers have become the Keihin-gun, or Tokyo-Yokohama team, while the Eagles have become the team of Wild Eagles, or Arawashi-gun.—Havas.

YACHTING RESULTS

Jean (C. J. Tarr) won yesterday's mixed classes yacht race held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club over 9.2 miles.

Yacht	Finished	Sailed by	
Jean	4.32.37	(C. J. Tarr)	1
Joss	4.33.59	(G. E. Neve)	2
Gull	4.35.17	(A. O. C. Mills)	3
Iosobel	4.36.20½	(R. L. Berridge)	4
Koala	4.36.51½	(Mrs. M. Johnson)	5
Zephyr	4.40.54	(W. A. Ingram)	6
Wendy	D. N. F.		
Ailsa	D. N. F.		

Tom Yawkey, owner of the Red Sox, is against hits and errors being flashed on the scoreboard. Yawkey claims such information makes players too base-hit conscious and takes their minds off the game. He has forbidden the innovation at Fenway Park.

COLOURS AWARDED TO UNIVERSITY ATHLETES

Colours have been awarded a number of Hong Kong University undergraduates who represented the University in the athletic meet against Lingnan on October 10.

Colours have been awarded to V. Zaltzeff, J. Fenton, Frederick Kwai, E. Mazuza, S. Singh, T. T. Chin, G. Schiller, N. Singh, T. S. Wang, C. C. Chen, P. K. Cheng, O. V. Cheung, and Misses K. Grant, C. Kotewall, B. Greaves, A. Suffiad and S. Patushinsky.

The University Badminton Club has awarded badminton colours to Miss Uheng Khoo, H. F. Chew, S. L. Yong and M. S. Lim.

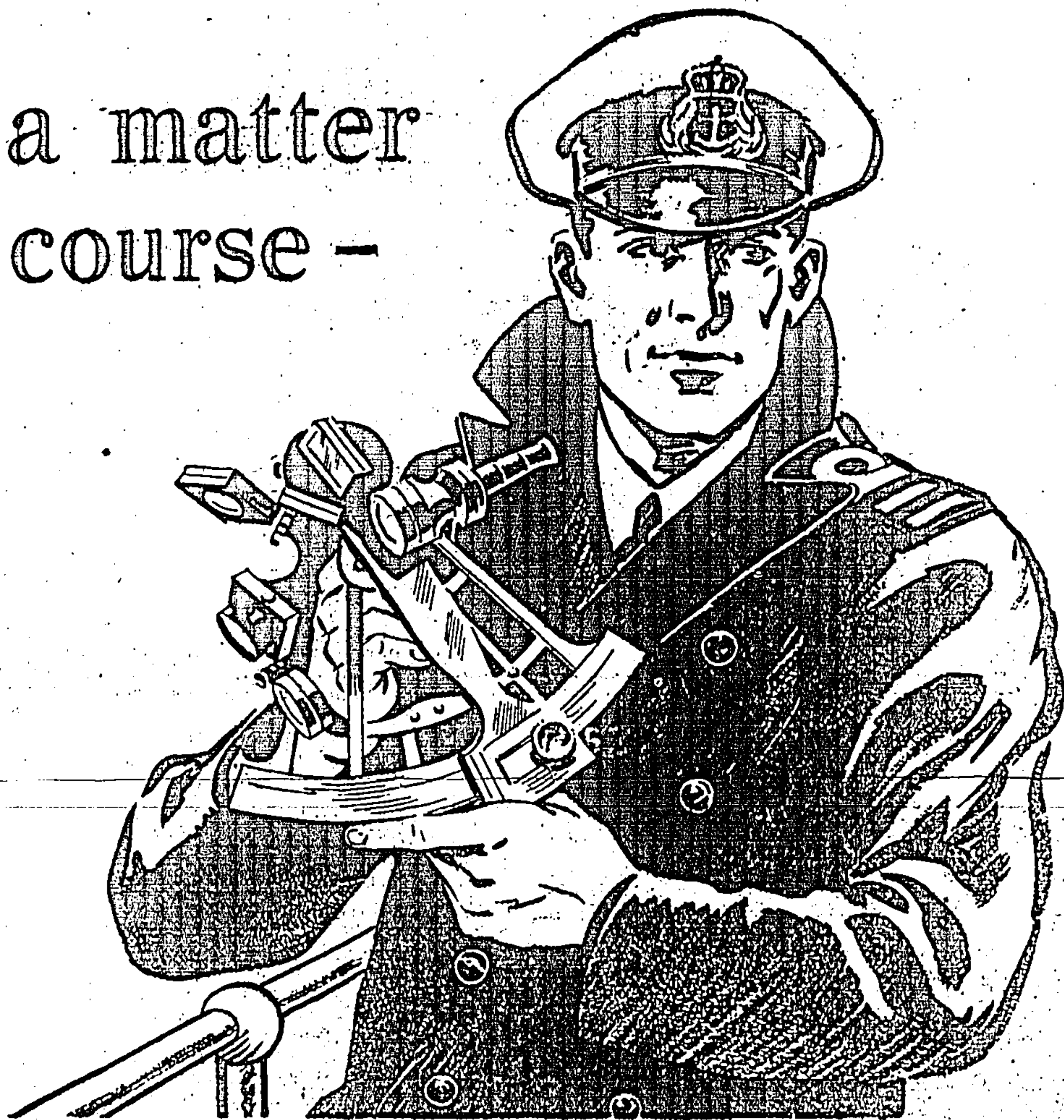
The University Swimming Club has awarded swimming colours to Charles Huang, W. S. Gegg and Miss Peggy Ma.

NEW WORLD MOTORBOAT RECORD

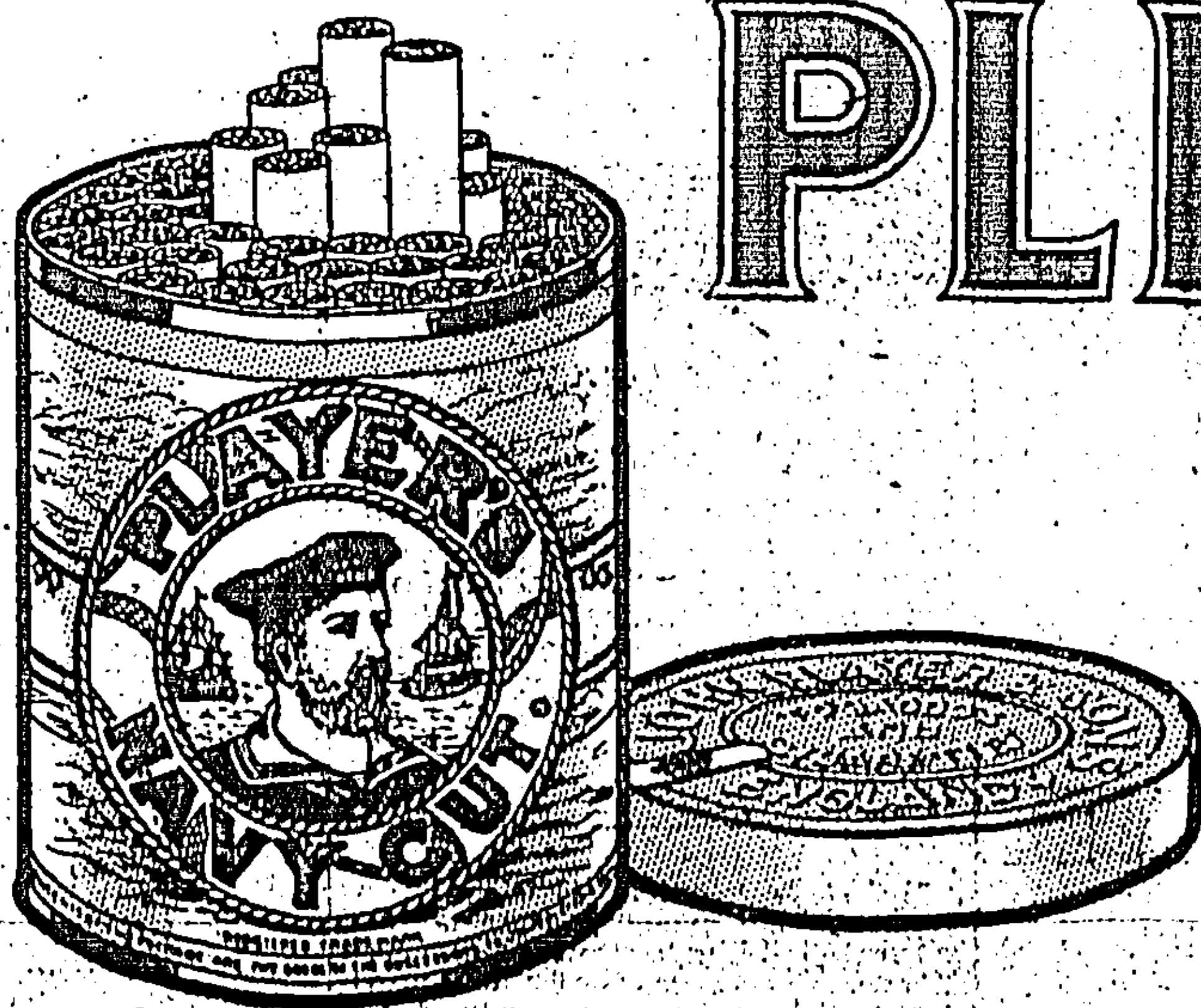
George B. Ward, Jr., of Wilmington, Delaware, drove his Class runabout motorboat Hi-Ho II to a new world record of 57.60 m.p.h. at St. Michaels, Maryland, when he covered a measure mile course in one minute 2-1-2 seconds.

It was the second time this season that Ward had broken the world record for this class of motorboat. In 1936 he drove the same craft to a world record of 55.398 m.p.h. and in July he raised it to 56.692 m.p.h. at Havre de Grace, Maryland.

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CANADIAN ON SERIOUS CHARGE

A 23-YEAR-OLD CANADIAN, MR. HARRY HOWARD WELLS, RESIDING AT NO. 512, THE PEAK, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, WITH DRIVING CAR NO. 3674 UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRINK, AND WITH DRIVING WITHOUT A VALID DRIVER'S LICENCE.

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios pleaded guilty on behalf of defendant.

Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke told the Court that accused was driving in Lockhart Road last night, and ran into a wall. Police arrived and found that accused was driving under the influence of liquor. He was taken to the Police Station by Inspector Bendall of the Police Reserve.

Defendant said that he had been in the Colony since 1933, and he had been working in Ling Ma Hang mines for a short period.

He expects to be leaving the Colony for Canada at the end of this month.

Defendant was remanded for a week for consideration of sentence. Bail of \$100 was allowed.

AMERICANS NOT LEAVING CHUNGKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was reported in Chungking yesterday that only a few of the 400 American citizens living in Free China intend to heed the State Department's advice to evacuate China. The advice has been communicated through the U.S. consulate in Kunming. — Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: — East winds, moderate; cloudy generally probably some rain.

London Left Severely Alone

THERE WAS HARDLY any enemy air activity over Britain yesterday, according to reports received hitherto, states a communique issued by the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security.

Bombs were reported only in one coast town in Scotland and at one point in the West Country. No damage or casualties were reported.

While full particulars are not yet available it seems clear that despite the widespread and quite wanton bombing of civilians in London on Tuesday night, the number of killed, though larger than in recent raids, was considered less than the earlier raids of last month.

Yesterday morning an enemy float plane was shot down by Coastal Command fighters. — Reuter.

FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH BY MR. HULL

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, will deliver an address on foreign policy on October 25, it was announced by the State Department in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

ALL QUIET

"All fronts quiet" stated a communique issued by G.H.Q. in Cairo yesterday, reports Reuter.

SHANGHAI RICE SHORTAGE

THE RICE SHORTAGE IN SHANGHAI IS ASSUMING SERIOUS PROPORTIONS AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF POOR CHINESE FACE SLOW STARVATION THIS WINTER UNLESS SOME SPEEDY SOLUTION IS FOUND FOR THE PROBLEM.

These people can only afford to buy domestic rice — rice produced in China — and supplies of this rice reaching the city are far below requirements.

Efforts are being made by the authorities in the foreign areas to persuade the Japanese military to allow the transportation to Shanghai of domestic rice, most of which is produced in territory under Japanese control. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The following cable has just been received by the Hon. Secretary of Victoria Recreation Club from the P.A.A.F., Manila.

"On account of the recent order from Washington, American Commissioner cannot issue to our delegation the necessary passports for Hong Kong."

"Regret exceedingly we are compelled to cancel trip." Permission was yesterday secured from the Hong Kong authorities by the V.R.C. for the party to land.

Present instructions received by the Hong Kong Government in connection with the opening of the Burma Road are that this Colony is to revert to the position which existed before the agreement was signed, Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, told the "China Mail" in an interview this afternoon.

In connection with reports that this might also include the shipment of materials of war, etc., across the Hong Kong border, the Colonial Secretary said that as far as he knew this was not covered by present instructions.

Regulations governing the passage of war materials across the border have been in effect for the past two years, and none may be shipped without a special export licence. At the moment, there is no intention of rescinding this local agreement — at least, no such instructions have been received.

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TOBACCO DUTY BOOST

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aware, increased expenditure, chiefly on defence, has recently had to be incurred for which no provision is made in the printed Estimates or in the original allocation of war revenue.

Although ordinary revenue has come in well, being in excess of the estimate to the extent of some three and a half million dollars in respect of the first seven months of the year, total expenditure has exceeded total revenue inclusive of war revenue and was in fact greater than that of the corresponding period of last year by six and a half million dollars.

In the circumstances further taxation appears essential and the increased tobacco duties will bring in a substantial amount without additional cost of collection or, it is submitted, hardship to the public.

RELIEF GRANTS TO CHINESE IN INDO-CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Preparations have been made to grant relief to Chinese residents in Indo-China rendered destitute by their evacuation from that country. Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, chairman of the National War Relief Commission in Chungking, announced yesterday. Mr. Hsu had just returned from Hong Kong. — Havas.

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